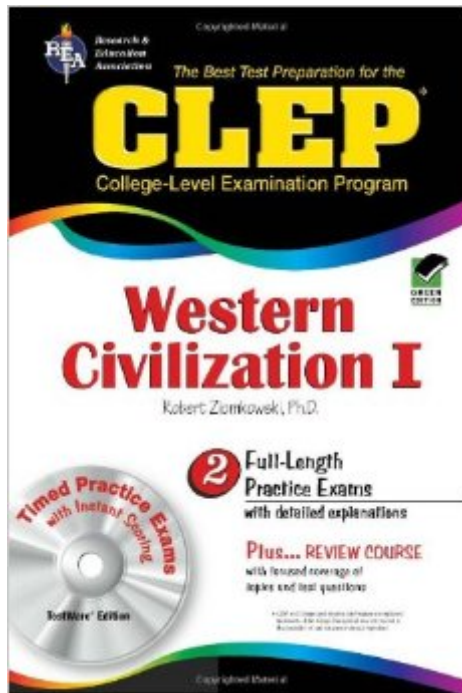


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This CLEP guide hasn't been used very many times to pass the CLEP it didn't even come out until December 5, 2005. This REA review and study guide is far and away the only accurate and in depth review of this CLEP test but don't be fooled into thinking that this CLEP test is easy. It's not. In order to pass the Western Civ I CLEP you will need to take both sample tests over the period of at least month until you have memorized every single question and answer. Then on any question that you're not absolutely sure about you will need to read the detailed explanation of that question over and over until you have memorized it. You will need to read the history lesson in the front of the book until you have a good understanding of it. You can do all of this and it still may not be enough. Some of the questions on the actual test ask you what exactly did a certain humanist or philosopher write and what did it mean. To prepare for these examination questions you will need to read up on your own about every humanist and philosopher found in the study guide. What would really be a good idea would be to take the text book over to a copy store then using an 11 X 17 copier copy every single page of both sample tests and then circle the correct answers in the photo copies and start studying the photocopied sample tests with the correct answers circled. After you think you have memorized the material in both sample tests from studying the photocopies take both CBT sample tests on your home computer and then grade yourself using the CBT program. From there type up a list of questions you missed and then type up 3 or 4 copies of the numbers of the questions you missed followed by blanks.

Bought this for the Western Civ I CLEP, took it in March 2011 (and passed!). I had absolutely NO background in the subject; I was 7 years out of high school (not that I paid attention to history anyway), and in college was only required to take American History. My major concern when I first got the book was that there were no pictures/maps within the text, but that they magically appeared on the practice exams at the end of the book. I was left googling maps, architecture, art forms etc. which was kind of annoying. This book is definitely OK if you've taken this class in the recent past and just need a quick refresher, or a super human photographic memory. I myself cannot retain info simply through reading plain black and white text. I found the best method for studying with this book was to skim each chapter to get a good idea of what was ahead, then go through that chapter heading by heading, highlighting things of importance (names, landmarks, etc). Then I would go

through a third time and make flash cards for those items. It was also helpful to skim the practice tests at the end to see what kind of material you would be expected to know. Also, the CLEP "study guide" PDF you can purchase online for like \$10 is not a study guide at all, it basically breaks down the test topics by percentage & offers a practice test.. however on my actual CLEP I saw at least 4 or 5 questions that came directly from that test. All in all this book is a necessity if you want to know what exactly is on the CLEP, but for actual learning/application purposes you need to use outside resources.

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