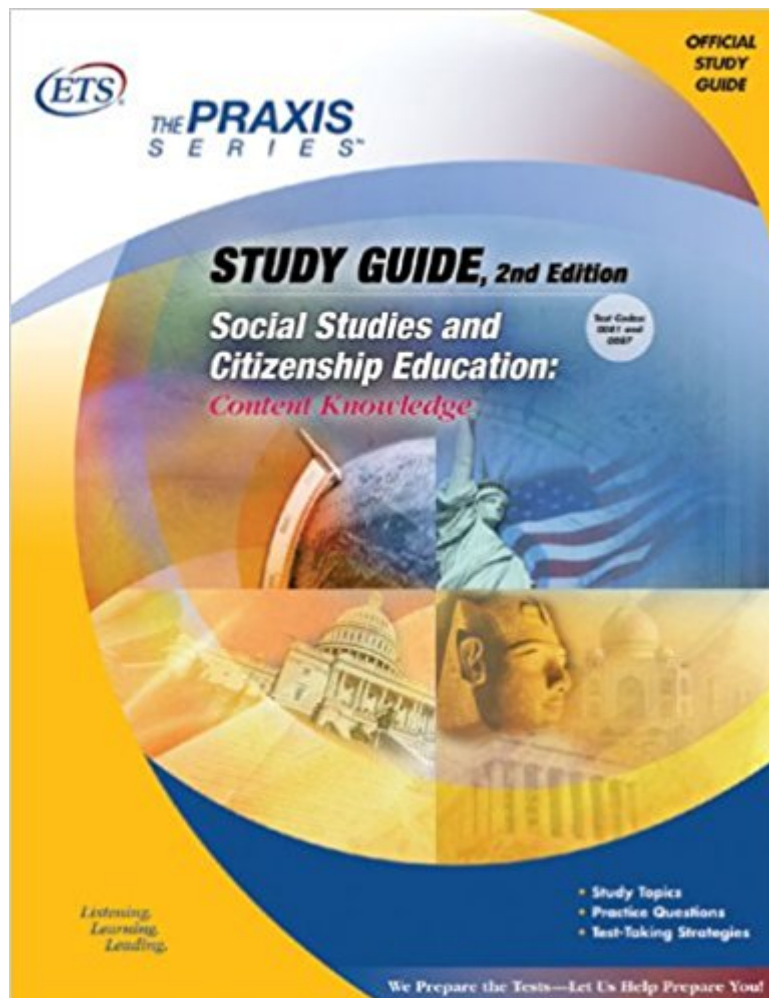


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Educational Testing Service (ETS) is the world's premier educational testing organization and the only publisher of Praxis test preparation materials containing authentic test questions. to finish.

So, I just want to echo some of the reviews here by saying that this guide is most definitely useful. That being said, it does not provide you with all the information you need to pass the test. The title of the thing is most apt: It's a study guide...it guides you about what to study. You choose where/how you will study. But it's nice to have some kind of guideline so that you don't have to

waste your time studying things that won't be on the test. Still, at only 150 pages including a practice test, this is not a world history, US history, geography, social science, economics or government text, but it will specify, by these categories, the exact areas you need to focus on. Ideally, I'd recommend buying this at least a month before the test, that way you're guaranteed at least a couple weeks to cover some of the major content areas. I only had a week, and I was scrambling to look everything up that I wanted to learn/refresh. Using this guide in conjunction with some library research (or even wikipedia, which is what I used) is a great way to increase your score. The practice test also gives you a good place to start; it functions as a reliable diagnostic tool that provides instant feedback about the areas that need the most focus for study. Finally, it's produced by the Praxis people themselves, while this does not make it perfect, it proved very reliable in that I studied nothing that wasn't worth my time, and, in fact, I can say that I answered at least 30 questions correctly that I would not have were it not for this guide. On a 130 question exam, I can say without a doubt, I wouldn't have passed were it not for this guide.

I picked this up in preparation for my go at the Praxis Social Studies test. I feel that the sample test in the back is fine, however the guide's usefulness doesn't extend much further than that. Want ideas on what you should study? Try everything. It is history after all. What most sections tend to do is break down individual time periods (which you should hopefully know prior to picking up this guide) with a list of very general topics under each heading. It doesn't drill down into the material very far at all. If you're like most students taking this, your focus was probably on history and the guide does become a bit useful for study topics in economics and behavioral science in those areas, however you won't have to do much more than be familiar with schools of thought and who lead them. Overall, there's a bit of usefulness to the guide, although I heard much better feedback on the Cliff's version from those who owned both. Now the long wait for my scores...

I bought this book to help me study for the Praxis II Social Studies Content. I aced the practice test and felt pretty confident walking in to take the actual test. Well the actual test is about a 100 times harder and the practice questions did not help me at all. The study guide basically tells you to study everything and anything that has to do with social studies. I should have known better because the book for the Praxis I was awful as well. The Kaplan version for Praxis I is so much better! The fact that the ETS prints this book and the test and it did not help at all makes me believe they just want more money. I guess 130 dollars for a test just is not enough. So I will save you 20 dollars and tell you just to study everything and make sure you know everything because that's all the book really does.

This study guide is very helpful for passing the social studies Praxis! The first half of the book contains a detailed list of things one needs to practice or review. (Divided up into world, US, PSC, econ, etc.) I looked less at this and more at the latter half. It consisted of a practice test. Plus the answer key had detailed descriptions on why the answer was the correct one. All in all, it was very helpful! I passed!

This book will get you ready for the Praxis. You should be able to get a score that certifies you in all states. However, do not wait until the week of to crack this open. There is a lot of material to cover. You need to know a little bit of everything you learned in undergrad. This stirs that knowledge back up. It had been 10 years since I had studied some of the material, but this book got me ready.

I just got back from taking the exam. First of all, I was a double major and have an Economics and Political Science degree. I was an honors student, and consider myself a good test taker. I passed the elem. praxis in the top 10 percentile. I don't know how it is possible to prepare for THIS exam. It was extremely difficult. I spent the past few weeks reviewing EVERYTHING in world history, US history, economics, etc. The guide basically tells you to study everything (which I did), because it's such an extensive subject, but when I got to the exam, I realized the questions were so detailed and difficult, that my studying helped very little, and I honestly don't think I passed, and don't know how anyone could. If you follow this review book, you will realize like some of the others have said, that basically, yes, it tells you to study everything about social studies, because that is what the exam is about. But almost none of the topics they ask you to FOCUS on in this book were on the exam. It is such an extensive subject that without some direction on what to focus on, it's impossible to pass. But regardless of how they tell you to narrow it down, but nothing on the exam came close. and none of the practice questions at the end were on the exam, (I don't know why some of the others said there was). I took the practice exam at the end of the book the other day and passed with flying colors. Then I got to the exam today, and my first thought was "What the hell is this??" I will most likely have to take the exam again, but I don't know how I will be able to pass it, if I didn't this time around. I'm gonna need help. I know people pass the test all the time, I just don't know how they do it.

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