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Western Civilization: A Brief History, 6/e, maintains a firm grounding in political history, while covering intellectual history (particularly the significance of ideas and contributions) to a greater and deeper extent than any other text for the course. Author Marvin Perry's accessible writing style and flexible approach make this abridged version of Western Civilization: Ideas, Politics and Society an engaging text for instructors and students of the Western Civilization survey course. The Sixth Edition incorporates current scholarship and new material on the First Crusade, the treatment of Jews, Christianity and classical humanism, and a fully revised and expanded section on "The Enlightenment and the Modern Mentality." Additional content highlights Muslim artistic and cultural contributions, the French Revolution and Reign of Terror, modern artists, the Russian Revolution, and the battles of World War II.

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Kristin says

I used this textbook in my Western Civilization class this fall and really liked it. The book is clear, comprehensive and relatively readable. I think it does a particularly effective job of drawing out ideas and institutions in each period it covers that ultimately help shape the Western tradition. My main criticism of the book is that it tries to do too much - my students were overwhelmed with information. I would like to see it streamlined a little, focusing in on the most significant figures and reserving the rest for higher-level courses. Despite this small issue, I will definitely be teaching from this book in the future. Of all the Western civilization textbooks I've read, it is the most effective at covering the material in a way that highlights the ultimate significance of events.

Christina says

I read this for a class and i found it intriguing but not exactly to my tastes.

Greg says

Excellent survey of early Western civilization from a renowned historian. I highly recommend this book, especially for history buffs!

Denise Stevenson says

Looking forward to reading the next one for West Civ II

Jerry says

History textbook

Steven Townsend says

Western Civilization Ideas, Politics and Society

Lis says

Perry does an excellent job of portraying the history of this world. He stays as unbiased as can be expected and as is possible. I do not agree with everything that is said because I believe in the history of the Bible, but he does a good job, nevertheless. I enjoyed learning more about the Western Civilization and hearing the viewpoints of historians on these cultures and what can be gathered from them.
