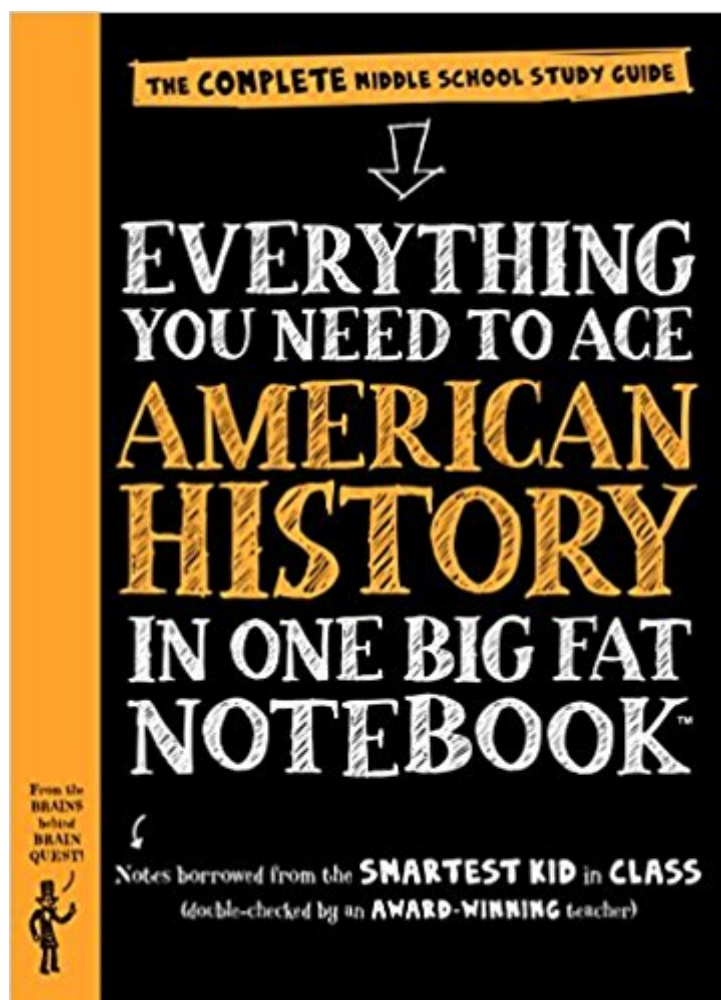




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# Everything You Need To Ace American History In One Big Fat Notebook: The Complete Middle School Study Guide (Big Fat Notebooks)





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I love this book. It matched our curriculum exactly and the students love reading from it. My students also enjoy the easy to understand graphics. I loved it so much, I purchased another one for my co-worker for her students.

I think the format of this book is interesting, as it is written like a diary, or someone who took notes during class. So, it is really personable. The thing I didn't like about it is with History, you can write it in more of a story form and it's just better that way, but overall a cool book, with tons of info in it!! I

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