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And it welcomes the take-off and landing sampling high school students appreciate. The narrative breaks into discreet and understandable parts, so a teacher needn't assign every word. Sidebars appear frequently--primary documents "Consider the Source", social history "Patterns of Popular Culture", and historians' disputes "Debating the Past" offer ready resources echoing the text's interests. The prose is serviceable. While little in the book could be described as "literary" or "evocative," it's clear and That concision has a price--without supplement, there may not be enough to know US History in subtle ways--but sophistication doesn't seem its aim. No history is "complete," but at least this one addresses prominent moments in its effort to be thorough.

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