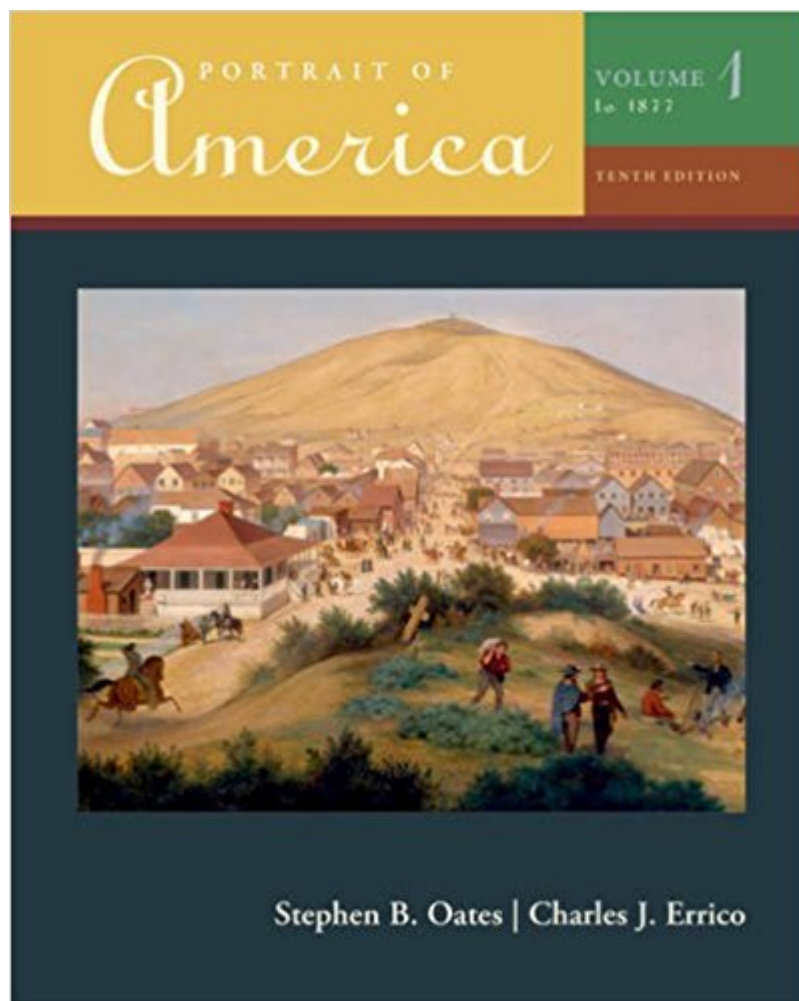


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We are homeschoolers, 10th and 7th grade. We began the year with a traditional history book for our age group (high school) which we found was not challenging enough and had many misleading

generalizations (i.e. King George III was dumb and a bad king). About 2 months into the year we switched to Portrait of America, Volume I. It's a great fit! It's like AP US History. The essays are a good length with interesting content (which is correct!), the vocabulary isn't overwhelming. We like the variety of authors. This is intelligent history. We use Essentials of American History (John Tulp) as our 'skeleton', Portrait of America is the meat and To the Best of My Ability (James. McPherson, ed.) is an accessory or frosting. We were very glad to find this book!

Starting with Columbus and continuing through Reconstruction, this book contains 30 well-selected essays on key US history topics. Each essay has a brief commentary by the editor and a few "questions to consider." Unlike many textbooks, both the commentaries and the questions add to the reader's understanding. Some of the essays deal with well-known, major figures in US history (George Washington, Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, etc.) and some give the reader insights into the everyday life of ordinary people. There are plenty of "dead white men" and familiar events such as the Constitutional Convention or the Erie Canal, but you'll also read about the experience of women on southern plantations, the hazards of childbearing in the 19th century, and a variety of essays on the slave experience. I think it's mainly for college classes or interested US history students. I could see using it with some high school history classes, but it might be a little advanced.

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