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### Super Social Studies Infographics: US History through Infographics

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# Book Review

**Title:** Super Social Studies Infographics: US History through Infographics

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**Reviewer:** Robyn Lee

**Publisher:** Lerner Publications Company

**Publication Year:** 2015

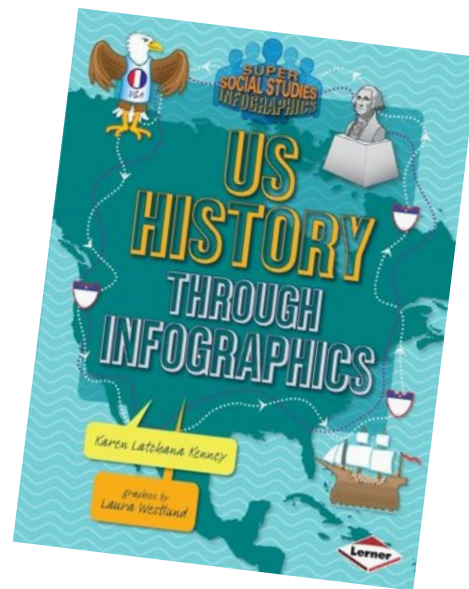
**ISBN:** 9781467734592

**Number of Pages:** 32

**Interest Level:** Primary, Intermediate

**Rating:** Excellent

## Review



This nonfiction picture book takes young readers through significant moments in US history in an easily absorbed graphic format. The book breaks down the early native people, discovery and colonization, slave trade, independence, westward expansion, The Civil War, Industrialization, immigration, Japanese Internment, and The Space Race. After inviting the young reader to come on a journey to discover more about their history as an American, the book walks through these events using maps, charts, graphs, and images. Final pages also include a glossary, index, and sources for additional information on the topics discussed throughout the book.

The infographic format of each two-page spread allows the author and illustrator to fit a significant amount of information about each topic without becoming too difficult for the younger audience this book is written for. Each spread is laid out in a unique way, but includes similar elements such as text boxes, arrows, maps, charts, graphs, and other graphic forms of sharing information. This allows the reader to see something different on each page, but still practice using the skills necessary to absorb information through various types of media. While each topic is not covered to the depth that would be necessary for a comprehensive explanation, this book fulfills the role of an excellent supplement to instruction on any of these topics to be used as additional information or reviews.