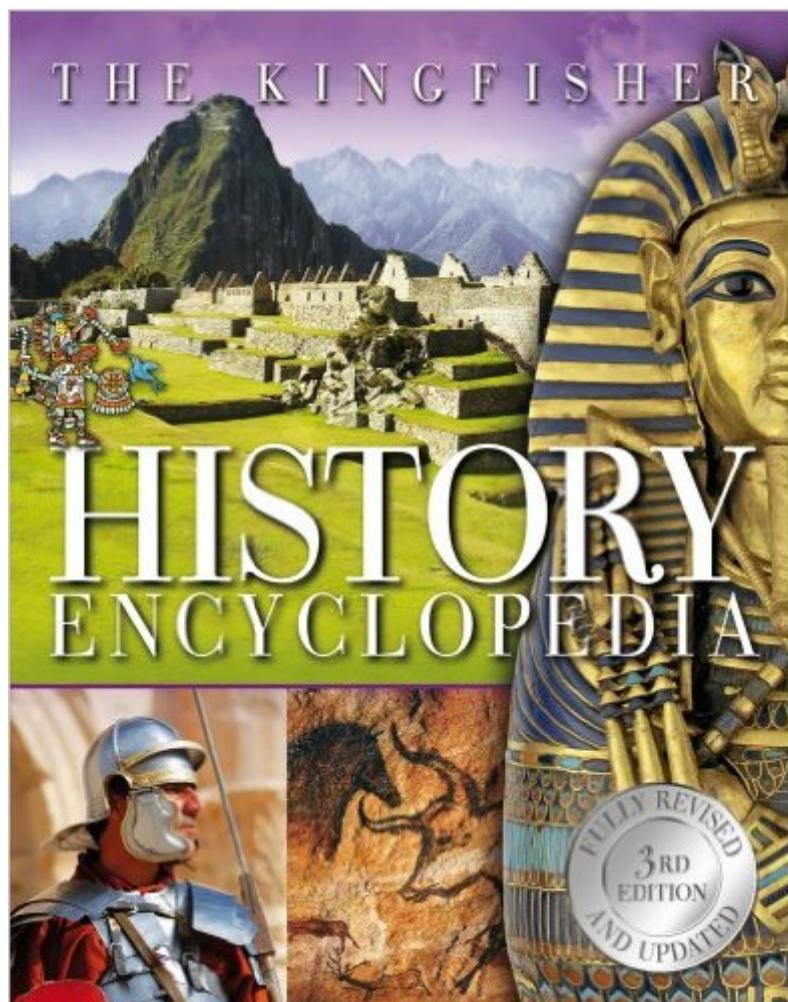


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This is a supplement to our homeschool history class. It has great information and very colorful and interesting pictures. The only drawback is that the drawn portraits tend to all look alike and not quite as accurate as they should be. Otherwise, great for all ages, but some may need help with the reading depending on their age and skill. It's better than Usborne's world history and less problematic with the pictures.

I am not a big specialist in world history, but I know well my own (Russian) history. I was surprised with the content selection for the encyclopedia. Not the best choice and always something about terrible Russian winter. "And then Napoleon came but could not stand the Russian winter" ... Or "Then Hitler came but could not stand the Russian winter" ... Russian soldiers in the fields of course can stand Russian winters. They are covered in fur, like polar bears, so the Russian winter does not scare them at all. And with all the possibilities they could come up in case of Catherine the Great (the Great, it means something) they chose to illustrate... with the poverty of peasants. Great! They could not even research a Russian folk costume and dressed a man in a long shirt with no pants (in the snow, during the terrible Russian winter) and a German-looking hat...Really, I cannot trust the with the history of other countries, when I know that they did such a bad job with mine.

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