

“Communists gain control after bloody wars in Korea (1950-1953) and Vietnam (1957-1975)”

— *WORLD HISTORY: Patterns of Interaction* (McDougal, 1999), p. 873

“The introduction of iron — probably from the Middle East, where it had first been used by the Assyrians”

— *WORLD HISTORY: The Human Odyssey* (West, 1999), p. 63

wrong people

The Hittites — not the Assyrians — first used iron in the Middle East. The text itself admits this on p. 44, col. 2, par. 2, lines 3-4.

wrong result

The Korean War did not result in any Communist gains. The map to which this passage refers, admits this.

“By the late 1500s, the Dutch replaced the Portuguese as the major European power in Asia.”

— *WORLD HISTORY: Connections to Today* (Prentice, 1999), p. 446

wrong half-century

Holland replaced Portugal as the major European power in Asia in the first half of the 1600s, not by the late 1500s. The text itself admits this on p. 383, col. 1, par. 3 — par. 4, line 2, and on p. 384, col. 1, par. 1.

“... the United States argued with Great Britain over the exact borders of the Oregon Country. In a treaty with Great Britain, the United States gained this vast region.”

— *WORLD HISTORY: The Human Experience* (Glencoe, 1999), p. 662

wrong agreement

The U.S. did not get the whole Oregon Country, which extended from 42°N to 54°40'N. The U.S. got the part up to 49°N but not the part between 49° and 54°40'. *This is significant because Polk in 1844 ran for president on the platform of annexing all of Oregon (“54°40' or fight!”), but in 1846 compromised with Britain on the 49° boundary to be free to fight the Mexican War.*

“Marco [Polo] traveled to Japan”

— *WORLD HISTORY: The Human Odyssey* (West, 1999), p. 485

wrong narrative

Marco Polo never visited Japan. The text itself admits this on p. 293, map.

“722 B.C. ... Babylonians conquer Israel”

— *WORLD HISTORY: Patterns of Interaction* (McDougal, 1999), p. 3

wrong nation

Assyria — not Babylon — conquered Israel in 722 B.C. The text itself admits this on p. 76, par. 3, lines 5-7.

“Copernicus ... accepted the idea that the planets moved in perfect circles around the earth.”

— *WORLD HISTORY: Continuity and Change* (Holt, 1999), p. 404

wrong theory

Copernicus believed planets move around the sun, not around the Earth. The text itself admits this on p. 404, col. 1, par. 2, lines 7-13.

“In 1519 Ferdinand Magellan ... reached Southeast Asia by sailing westward around the southern tip of South America.”

— *WORLD HISTORY: The Human Experience* (Glencoe, 1999), p. 474

wrong year

Magellan reached Southeast Asia in 1521, not 1519.

“**Manila Bay** bay in the Philippines where the Americans defeated the Spanish in 1898, ending the Spanish-American War”

— *WORLD HISTORY: Continuity and Change* (Holt, 1999), p. 867

wrong chronology

Dewey's defeat of Spain in Manila Bay was the first — not the last — battle of the Spanish-American War.

“The city [Tel Aviv] was finally founded in 1949”

— *WORLD HISTORY: Connections to Today* (Prentice, 1999), p. 621

wrong decade

Tel Aviv was founded in 1909.

Map showing that the Ottomans took Cyprus and Crete between 1454 and 1519

— *WORLD HISTORY: Continuity and Change* (Holt, 1999), p. 333

“... the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union that began in the 1950s.”

— *WORLD HISTORY: The Human Odyssey* (West, 1999), p. BH-15

“In 1807, Britain outlawed slavery.”

— *WORLD HISTORY: Patterns of Interaction* (McDougal, 1999), p. 693

wrong chronology

The Ottomans took Cyprus in 1571 and Crete in 1669 – not between 1454 and 1519.

wrong decade

The Cold War began in the 1940s, not the 1950s. The text itself admits this on p. 944, col. 1, lines 1-12.

wrong decade

Britain outlawed slavery in 1833, not 1807. In 1807 it outlawed the slave trade. The text itself admits this on p. 496, par. 5, lines 2-3, and on p. 651, par. 5, lines 3-4.

“In 1974, Donald Johanson found the oldest complete human skeleton in Ethiopia. He named his find ‘Lucy’”

— *WORLD HISTORY: Connections to Today* (Prentice, 1999), p. 9

wrong description

Johanson’s “Lucy” was a partial – not a complete – skeleton; and it was an *Australopithecine* (“southern ape”), not a human. Its brain was chimpanzee-sized.

“Ethiopia was conquered by Italy in 1939 but regained independence in 1945.”

— *WORLD HISTORY: The Human Experience* (Glencoe, 1999), p. 929

wrong years

Italy conquered Ethiopia in 1936, not 1939. Ethiopia regained independence in 1941, not 1945.

“One Balkan group that suffered greatly for its independence efforts was the Armenians.”

— *WORLD HISTORY: Patterns of Interaction* (McDougal, 1999), p. 745

wrong description

Armenians are not a Balkan group.

Map showing that Spain held Florida from 1763 to 1783

— *WORLD HISTORY: The Human Odyssey* (West, 1999), p. 620

wrong nation

England — not Spain — held Florida from 1763 to 1783. The text itself admits this on p. 612, map, and on p. 626, maps.

“In 1894, Japanese pressure on China led to war. It ended in disaster for China, with Japan gaining Korea”

— *WORLD HISTORY: Connections to Today* (Prentice, 1999), p. 651

wrong war

Japan gained Korea after the Russo-Japanese War (1904-05), not the Sino-Japanese War (1894-95). The text itself admits this on p. 662, col. 2, par. 4, lines 8-9.

“c. 100 B.C. Roman empire begins to conquer the Hellenistic world.”

— *WORLD HISTORY: The Human Experience* (Glencoe, 1999), p. 140

wrong chronology

Rome’s conquest of the Hellenistic world began with its annexation of Macedonia as a Roman province in 146 B.C., not around 100 B.C. The text itself admits (on p. 152, par. 1, lines 4-6, and on p. 165, map) that Rome conquered Greece in the 140s B.C.

“After Arab astronomers [sic] improved the astrolabe, sailors in the 1100s could calculate latitude, longitude, and time of day.”

— *WORLD HISTORY: Continuity and Change* (Holt, 1999), p. 259

wrong description

12th-century sailors could not calculate longitude with an astrolabe. The text itself admits this on p. 411, right margin, par. 1, TE.