

Essay

An Opinion on “The Oxford Illustrated History” Edited by Strachan

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Introduction

The Oxford Illustrated History as edited by Strachan, is an interesting account of the events that took place in history and have played a critical role in shaping the world today. This text comprises scholarly work done by historical experts in the past each having their individual view on matters that influence the world we live in today. In my own opinion, I am going to give a detailed explanation of the book’s ability to be read, the eligibility of its content, its viability, its vulnerability, and the change the book has created in me after reading through it. I will bring into account the ability of the book to look into the past and how it is able to connect with the current events in today's world.

Readability of The Book

This book gives me a mixed experience due to its accessible nature intertwined with the difficulty in understanding different narratives of historical events. According to me, reading this book is a blessing in disguise to those with a passion for history and who have previously interacted with history-based subjects. This book explains the connectivity of different events providing a platform for continuity that gave me the ability to track down the roots of different communities and their cultures. Every scholar in this book gives a different perception establishing a diverse general outlook of the narrative. On the other hand, I noticed that the book could be a bit involving to read and comprehend the different accounts carried by the book as it needs one to have some background information in history in order to be able to understand the current past events. The lack of background information on history could make it difficult for me to understand the flow of this book and what it entails in the event of reading it.

However, for me, having interacted with many history subjects, it wasn’t difficult to understand the flow of the subject matter and its relation. The variation in styles of presentation of accounts by various experts brings out an interesting format displayed and a captivating outlook of experts who differ in perception (Terrado et al, 2022). On the other hand, this might be challenging for people who have no clue about history at all as they may find it confusing to read and understand different perspectives of experts.

Pleasurable Features and Evaluation

This book covers a wide range of aspects that have been looked into over many years by different people. It explains activities carried out in history across the world in different periods of time. The inclusion of maps in the text makes it attractive and brings out an interactive view of the visualization and the relation between the actual image and the time it was presented. Though, in some instances, the wide range of subjects can turn out to be so involving. There are parts in the book that I felt moved so fast leaving me in suspense and wanting to know more. In addition, the variation in styles of writing could

bring out a lack of consistency in the reading process.

Proof of Thesis and Arguments

The coherence of themes across the chapters in the book brings into place Strachan's editing work, making sure that each of them brings an addition to the general narration of human history. All the arguments that were made were largely backed by huge sources of data and scholarly references. However, there are times when a keen observation of some incidences would have provided the conversation with more substantial evidence. Putting all things into consideration, this book does an impressive job of bringing into balance the provision of historical information and compelling readers to take into consideration other forms of interpretations.

Inclusions and Omissions

The book covers a wide range of historical periods, which is an ambitious scope. It is important to recognize the constraints imposed by the editor and contributors, even though some may contend that some subjects were not given enough consideration. Although I personally valued the focus on global perspectives, the book's richness might have been increased by delving deeper into a few particular places or historical periods. Determining the book's worth requires an understanding of the author's purposeful omissions.

Important Lessons and Their Effect on Education

My interaction with this book has greatly improved my vast knowledge of the history of the world and my knowledge better the historical events that took place and led to the situation in the world today. Due to the thematic structure of this book, I managed to follow the growth of concepts of communities and their cultures. The book helped me refute my assumptions and provided a satisfactory explanation of the things I knew little about. Truthfully, this vast understanding, based on the knowledge I acquired from this book has led me to greatly understand the course material.

Conclusion

To conclude, this book gives an elaborate historical journey that provides an outstanding rundown of human history. Although there are instances where the readability of the book becomes an issue, the book has gained success in earning its viewpoint on its explanation of historical events.

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