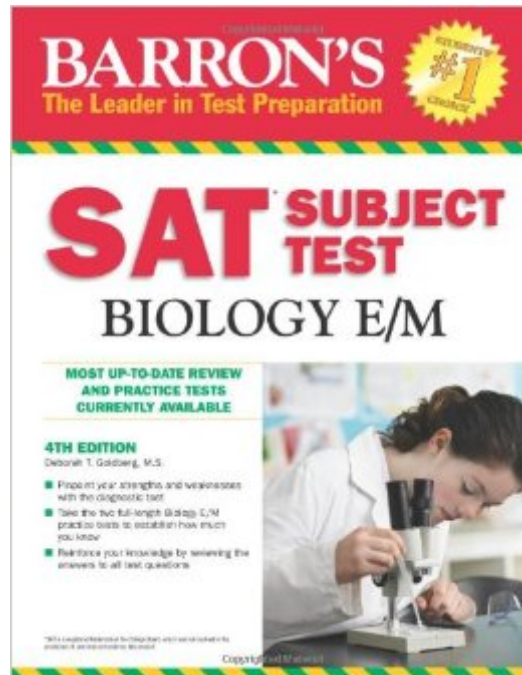


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HOW DOES THIS BOOK NOT AVG 5 STARS??? THIS PREP GUIDE IS LITERALLY THE BIO BIBLE. IT CONTAINS EVERYTHING YOU --ACTUALLY-- NEED TO KNOW. I used this guide after 9th grade regular living environment. I knew nothing. I analyzed and memorized (via reading slowly) this book and went from 0 to MORE THAN MOST (99%) OF ap bio students. The steps are simple, but not that easy...KNOW THE ENTIRE GLOSSARY (EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW IS THERE... ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE FIRST 20 MATCHING QUESTIONS ON THE TEST)READ THE BOOK SLOWLY. DONT MOVE ONTO THE NEXT SENTENCE UNTIL YOU UNDERSTAND THE FORMER.1-2 CHAPTERS A WEEK. YOU ARE IN GOOD SHAPEObviously the practice tests-with the gloassary down pat, you should get atleast 700 on these (its your d** book, everything on the test is something you just read!!! Or can be inferred with an understanding of the text). Hopefully 750++... If not, you read too quickly... TERRIBLE OFFENSE... reread slowly,

actively... Its not about the number of words (the # of times you read it) , it is important to think slowly with it...I did have every other SAT II bio guide, so heed my advice.And FYI the others are Terrible.when my test came, i was amazed when i saw matching with an eye diagram and descriptions of anatomy... Luckily, this beautiful book stated precisely "Occasionally a diagram of the eye or ear make their way onto the subject test"... NOT ONE OTHER SAT II BOOK HAD A DESCRIPTION OF THE EYE'S ANATOMY. This would make an 800 unlikely for any other regents students who didnt use Barron's. They were fools for not choosing barons, and they paid the price (you will too if you do not choose Barron's.)Use this properly (50+ hours of active "self-studying" learning and an 800 is yours, like it was mine)Only small issue, there is one typo stating cardiac muscle is unstriated, not true, it is striated.BUY THIS BOOK

My son did poorly during the school year with a freshman bio honors teacher that was ineffective and disorganized. He was missing some of the key concepts at the end of the year, and his confidence as a student was really negatively impacted. His initial baseline practice test result using the Barron's book was in the mid 500's. He studied every day for two weeks with the Barron's book, reviewing material, taking tests, and learning from his mistakes. Each time he took a new test he improved significantly. In the end, he aced the SAT II Bio exam, and recovered much of his confidence. Yes, I realize that my son's personality is a reall variable here... but know that he is fairly typical for 14 yr olds - procrastinates, loses focus, doesn't really have a sense for how to study effectively yet - and hasn't yet realized his academic potential. I'd say his study time was more like 2-4 hours a day than the 6+ he thinks it was. And I did suggest he review, then take a practice test, then learn from what he got wrong. We also agreed on a plan for what to cover each day of the two weeks... but he drafted the initial one himself, and I did not tutor him at all - not even once. That tells me that the Barron's book is cleanly, clearly lined out, and functionally really effective for most students who want to improve their performance and get used to the test before taking it. Last thought - this was my son's first time taking any type of SAT exam. While I had a hard time choosing between Barron's and other SAT prep books the first time, I would definitely lean toward Barron's the next time.

I never took biology and studied from this book.I got a 780!! would highly recommend this book to everyone!

First and foremost, this book is an amazing review guide of the SAT test in biology. If you learn all

the information in this book, you have a very good shot at getting an 800 on the real thing. If you need to learn new concepts (like I did because my AP Biology class only covered half the material) or just need a review, this is the only book you'll need to buy. With that being said, the practice tests in the book aren't that helpful. At the end of chapters, there are random and specific questions that would clearly never be on the actual test. As for the practice test in the back of the book, there were several questions that weren't worded clearly and seemed to have more than one answer. For example, one question asked "which of these do not contribute to genetic variation", but both isolation and genetic drift were options. Overall, a great review book but an only okay practice guide.

I'm about 1/3 of the way through this SAT2 review book and its great! Its bringing up so many things that I totally forgot about. It reteaches everything that you'll need to know on the test and then quizzes you at the end of each chapter. Seriously it is helping a lot.

I have been using Barron's SAT Subject Test Biology E/M for the past 7 years. Most of my students have received 800. I can't be happier than that. And one more thing: The newer edition is always better. I would highly recommend this 4th Edition!

Although this book presents a huge amount of information which, if all memorized and understood, would undoubtedly lead to a high score on the SAT Biology Subject Test, the sample tests are not rigorous enough and do not provide a realistic simulation of the actual testing experience. Studying the old released tests would be much better preparation.

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