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## **Salem Press Announces the Newest Addition to the Popular *Defining Documents in History Series: Civil Rights (1954-2015)***

*Defining Documents in American History: Civil Rights* offers in-depth analysis of a broad range of historical documents and historic events that shaped civil rights' struggles in American history. This text closely studies more than forty primary source documents and delivers a thorough examination of civil rights movements in the U.S. from 1954 to 2015.

Beginning in the late 1950s, many Americans became more adamant about the need to introduce basic changes to American society. African Americans, making use of new strategies and methods, expanded their fight for equality. Members of other ethnic minorities as well as women and young people became more active in areas and causes of importance to them. Liberals favoring a broader role for the government in social reform began to gain strength inside the federal government, with its many departments and agencies.

*Defining Documents in American History: Civil Rights* is organized under five broad categories

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- Women and Equality
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- Native American Rights

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Each section begins with a brief introduction that defines questions and problems underlying the subjects in the historical documents. A brief glossary is included at the end of each document, highlighting keywords that are important in the study of the primary source. Each essay also includes a Bibliography and Additional Reading section for further research.

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