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Salem Press Announces the Newest Addition to the Popular *Defining Documents in History Series: Immigration & Immigrant Communities (1650-2016)*

Defining Documents in American History: Immigration & Immigrant Communities offers in-depth analysis of a broad range of historical documents and historic events that shaped immigrant experience in American history. This text closely studies more than twenty primary source documents and delivers a thorough examination of immigration in the U.S. from Adriaen van der Donck's first description of the New Netherlands in 1650 to Federal Immigration laws imposed within the last year.

It can hardly be argued that the history of the United States is not synonymous with the history of immigration and immigrant communities. From the widely accepted theory that indigenous North Americans crossed the Bering Strait, to the eventual arrival of Europeans, Africans, and other peoples, to reach the contemporary amalgamation of ethnicities that shape American culture and society. As recent controversy surrounding the subject of immigration reveals, however, there is more to the subject than the relocation of bodies and lifestyles. This edition of *Defining Documents* aims to examine texts across history that have impacted immigrants and immigration, and will provide a thorough understanding of this social, cultural, and political phenomenon.

Defining Documents in American History: Immigration & Immigrant Communities is organized under four broad categories

- In Their Own Words: Immigrant Descriptions
- Anti-Immigrant Rhetoric
- Federal Legislation
- Executive and Judicial Actions

Each document is supported by a critical essay, written by historians and teachers, that includes a Summary Overview, Defining Moment, Author Biography, Document Analysis, and Essential Themes. Readers will appreciate the diversity of the collected texts, including journals, letters, speeches, political sermons, and laws among others. An important feature of each essay is a close reading of the primary source that develops evidence of broader themes, such as author's rhetorical purpose, social or class position, point of view, and other relevant issues. In addition, essays are organized by section themes, listed above, highlighting major issues of the period, many of which extend across eras and continue to shape life as we know it around the world.

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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