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## **Salem Press Announces the Newest Addition to the Popular Defining Documents in History Series: *Dissent and Protest (1637-2017)***

*Defining Documents in American History: Dissent and Protest* surveys key writing and documents produced from 1637 to 2017. Maps are included to help the reader understand the state of the world during this period. This title contains 93 primary source documents that provide a compelling view of this unique period of world history.

*Defining Documents in American History: Dissent & Protest (1635-2017)*, offers in-depth analysis of a broad range of historical documents and historic events that make up the vibrant and ever-evolving story of dissent and protest in the United States. It begins with testimony from the Massachusetts Bay Colony trial against Anne Hutchinson in which she defends herself and her break from the Church of England and continues Angela's Davis's speech at the Women's March on Washington in January 2017, the day following the inauguration of the forty-fifth president of the United States. Dissent and protest is, to many, one of the defining characteristics of the American way of life. The speeches, articles, essays, petitions, editorials, even laws and court orders over the span of this nation's history demonstrate the ways in which its citizens have exercised the right to free speech. The ninety-three articles in this two-volume title are organized into eight sections:

- **From Colonies to Nation**, beginning with Anne Hutchinson's testimony and continuing to a petition against the Excise Tax
- **Slavery and Abolition**, which includes such powerful documents as *The Confessions of Nat Turner* and *Twelve Years a Slave*
- **Sectional Conflict, Civil War, and Reconstruction**, focusing on the great conflict over the continued practice of slavery in both the South and in new states including Kansas and Nebraska, the cessation of the southern states from the Union, and the Reconstruction era, that led to the Jim Crow era
- **Native American Dissent**, which includes editorials concerning the battle of Sand Creek and letters to the Army Corps of Engineers, asking for a reconsideration of the Dakota Pipeline
- **African American Civil Rights**, featuring the words of such inspirational writers and speakers of Ida B. Wells, W.E.B. Du Bois, James Lawson Jr., Stokely Carmichael, Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X.
- **Women's Rights**, from the Seneca Falls convention and the Declaration of Sentiments to Angela Davis's speech at the Women's March on Washington

- **Political and Social Protest**, with calls to action for those seeking social justice for the poor and underprivileged, laborers, and gays
- **Anti-War Activism**, with speeches against corruption during the World War I, John Kerry's 1971 testimony to Congress about atrocities during the Vietnam war, and Senator Robert Byrd's speech concerning the war in Iraq

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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