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## **Salem Press Announces *Defining Documents in World History: Religious Freedom & Religious Persecution***

The *Defining Documents in World History* series, produced by Salem Press, offers a closer look at important historical documents by pairing primary source documents on a broad range of subjects with essays written especially for the series by expert writers, including historians, professors, researchers, and other authorities in the subject under examination. This established series now includes seventeen titles that present documents selected to illuminate specific themes and eras in world history—including The Renaissance & Early Modern Era, Ancient World, Women’s Rights, Human Rights, Genocide & The Holocaust, The Nuclear Age, and Revolutions.

This set, *Defining Documents in World History: Religious Freedom & Religious Persecution*, offers in-depth analysis of eighty-three documents, including addresses, book excerpts, chronicles, constitutions, declarations, edicts, laws, letters, narratives, petitions, religious texts, reports, speeches, testimonies, treaties, and treatises. These selections trace the evolution of both religious freedoms and persecutions around the globe, from religious revolts and struggles for independence in the ancient world, to the Holocaust during World War II, to current genocides and American legal battles surrounding the First Amendment.

The material is organized into five sections, each beginning with a brief introduction that examines the importance of the topic through a variety of historical documents.

<p>The first volume includes chapters on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Middle East</li><li>• Asia</li><li>• Europe</li><li>• The Holocaust</li></ul>	<p>The second volume continues with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modern International</li><li>• America</li></ul>
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Documents within these sections provide an overview of the history and contemporary issues surrounding religious freedom and persecution around the world.

Each Historical Document is supported by a critical essay, written by historians, teachers, and researchers, that includes a Summary Overview, Defining Moment, About the Author, Document Analysis, and Essential Themes. An important feature of each essay is a close reading of the primary source that develops broader themes, such as the author’s rhetorical purpose, social or class position, point of view, and other relevant issues. Each essay also includes a section entitled Bibliography and Additional Reading that provides suggestions for further readings and research.

Appendixes in this book include:

- **Chronological List** which arranges all documents by date;
- **Web Resources**, an annotated list of websites that offer valuable supplemental resources;
- **Bibliography** lists of helpful articles and books for further study

### **About the Series**

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