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## Salem Press Announces *Defining Documents in American History: Watergate*

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four sections, each beginning with a brief introduction that examines the importance of the topic through a variety of historical documents.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nixon and His Political Nexus</li><li>• Nixon and Watergate</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• After Watergate</li><li>• Post-Watergate Political Parallels</li></ul>
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The documents contained within these sections provide an overview of the history and significance of the Watergate scandal, exploring the immediate repercussions as well as the long-term domino effect this event had in reshaping American politics and history.

Each Historical Document is supported by a critical essay, written by historians, teachers, and researchers, that includes a Summary Overview, Defining Moment, About the Author,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

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