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Salem Press Announces a New Edition to the Best-Selling *Great Events* Series—*Great Events from History: American History, 1775-1850—Forging a New Nation*

Great Events from History: American History, 1775-1850—Forging a New Nation is a welcome addition to the long-running Great Events series by Salem Press. This brand-new title is the second release in a new sub-series devoted to American History and the crucial events that shaped the country's founding and growth.

This book includes 188 essays covering the turbulent years in which both the American Revolution and the War of 1812 took place. Additional topics of interest from this time period are covered in length including relations with foreign nations, slavery and abolition, relations with Native Americans, and Manifest Destiny, to name a few.

The shifting culture of the time period is also examined through early American publications, religious movements, musical and artistic movements, and growth of the American enterprise, providing readers with additional context to view these events through a critical lens.

Essays cover important events such as the Battle of the Chesapeake, the Land Act of 1785, the California Gold Rush, and the Lewis and Clark Expedition, among many others. Some essays also contain sidebars dedicated to short biographies of important figures from the era including Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, and George Washington, for example. Topics are organized into 11 categories and arranged chronologically within each section.

The 11 categories include:

- The American Revolution
- Birth of a New Nation
- The Nation's Expansion
- Relations with Foreign Nations
- War Again with Britain- The War of 1812
- The Politics of Slavery and Abolition
- Relations with Native Americans
- Manifest Destiny
- A New Culture Flourishes
- American Enterprise
- The U.S. Government Triumphs and Struggles

As an added feature in this new sub-series, Volume 2 concludes with an appendix of primary documents, covering some of the important works and speeches highlighted in the main essays. These documents are reprinted either in full or in excerpt, and all begin with a short introduction for context, giving the reader a first-hand glimpse into the lives, writings, and orations of the people of the time. Additionally, all images in the print volumes are printed in full color.

ESSAY LENGTH AND FORMAT

This set is an important title in Salem Press's *Great Events from History* series. As such, we have approached the discussion of each historical event with a uniform essay format. Top matter of each essay includes:

- **Description** of event in a sentence or short paragraph;
- **Date** can be a single year, or date range if applicable;
- **Locale** is the region where the event took place; and
- **Key Figures** are the primary individuals involved in the event.

The body of the article includes the following sections:

- **Summary of Event:** Describes the event chronologically and includes discussion to place the event in context;
- **Significance:** Describes the event's historical impact, influence, and significance;
- **Byline:** Name of the contributor who wrote the essay, contributors, and their affiliation are listed following the Editor's Introduction; and
- **Further Reading:** Sources consulted as well as items for further study (including web sites), appropriate and accessible to librarians, students, and the general public.

SPECIAL FEATURES

These two volumes include over 150 photographs and other images, including maps, historical paintings, portraits, newspaper excerpts, and book covers. The back matter in Volume 2 contains a number of reference tools to help readers further explore the history of America:

- **Primary Documents** showcases some of the important writings and speeches covered in the main essays, with introductory content from the Editor;
- **Alphabetical List of Events** provides an A-to-Z list of each entry included in the book, from the Act to Prohibit the Importation of Slaves to Zachary Taylor's victory in the presidential election.
- **Chronology** provides an easy-to-follow timeline of the events contained herein, from the Battle of Lexington and Concord to the Compromise of 1850
- **Geographical Index** provides access to the individual essays by locale;
- **Key Figures** provides access to the individual essays containing the chief people involved; and
- **Subject Index** offers a range of entry points into the individual essays.

Free Online with Print Purchase.

In addition, *Great Events from History: American History, 1775-1850—Forging a New Nation* comes with complimentary online access via <https://online.salempress.com>. A single purchase of the printed version is all it takes to gain access to this important title on the web.

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