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Salem Press Announces the Newest Addition to the Popular *Defining Documents in American History* series: *The Gun Debate*

Defining Documents in American History: The Gun Debate, offers in-depth analysis of thirty-five documents, including speeches, court rulings, legal texts, blog posts, manifestos, and legislative acts. This volume analyzes documents that have played a significant role in the attempt to balance the long tradition of gun culture in this country with calls for gun control, including: The Second Amendment; St. George Tucker, Blackstone's Commentaries; *No Treason* by Lysander Spooner; *U.S. v. Miller*; *District of Columbia v. Heller* and *Firearms in America: Personal Liberty versus Collective Responsibility*.

The material is organized into four sections:

- **The Constitution and Its Aftermath** beginning with James Madison's Federalist Papers; House debates related to the Second Amendment; the Militia Acts of 1792; Blackstone's Commentaries, and a discussion of guns entitled "All Guns Are Not Created Equal."
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- **The Modern Court System Weighs In** takes a look at a number of significant and often controversial rulings, including *United States v. Miller*; *United States v. Lopez*; *District of Columbia v. Heller*; *McDonald v. City of Chicago*; *Peruta v. County of San Diego*; and *Young v. Hawaii*.
- **Responses to the Debate** include legislative acts such as the National Firearms Act of 1934; Gun Control Act of 1968; Brady Handgun Violence Protection Act; Florida Legislation "Justifiable Use of Force" ("Stand Your Ground Law"); and Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, as well as a thought-provoking blog post: "An Honest Conversation about Guns."

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Each section begins with a brief introduction that defines questions and problems underlying the subjects addressed in the historical documents. Each essay also includes an Additional Reading section for further research.

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