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Salem Press Announces *Defining Documents in World History: Revolutions*

Revolution is a term used to designate any rapid, far-reaching or violent change in the political, social, or economic structure of society. Although there have been revolutions in areas such as industry (the Industrial Revolution), science (scientific revolutions), and the arts and culture, it is political revolutions that have garnered the most attention by historians and the public alike. In this sense, revolution entails fundamental change in the government or political constitution of a country, brought about mainly through internal forces and often achieved by violence or force of arms on the part of a sizeable mass of citizens.

Examples include the American Revolution, where colonists broke free from their colonial ties and established a sovereign, independent nation; the French Revolution, where an absolute monarchy was overthrown by opposition from inside the country together with a popular uprising; and the Russian Revolution, where a repressive monarchy was overthrown by those seeking to institute widespread social and economic changes based on a socialist model.

This set, *Defining Documents in World History: Revolutions*, offers in-depth analysis of seventy-nine documents, including addresses, cables, charters, declarations, diary excerpts, legislation, letters, manifestos, memos, negotiations, reflections, resolutions, and speeches. These selections trace the evolution of notable revolutions around the globe, from the Dutch Revolt in 1581 to recent revolutionary actions, such as the January 6, 2021, assault on the U.S. Capitol.

<p>The first volume includes chapters on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Dutch Revolt;• The English Revolution;• The American Revolution;• The French Revolution;• The Wider Americas in the Nineteenth Century;• European Revolutions of 1848—Before and After;• Japan and Korea;• The Mexican Revolution;• Ireland;• The Russian Revolution.	<p>The second volume continues with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• India;• China;• Mid-Century Rebels;• Vietnam—and Cambodia;• Mid-East Revolts and Revolutions in the Twentieth Century;• The Revolt Against Communism in Europe;• Other Modern Revolutionary Changes;• Ukraine—the Orange Revolution;• The Arab Spring—and ISIS;• and Recent Revolutionary Disturbances.
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Documents within these sections provide an overview of the history and contemporary issues surrounding revolutionary thought and action 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 year;
- **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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