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Salem Press Announces *Defining Documents in American History: Workers' Rights*

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This set, *Defining Documents in American History: Workers' Rights*, offers in-depth analysis of sixty documents, including addresses, correspondences, court decisions, editorials, essays, government legislation, interviews, manifestos, memoirs, newspaper articles, pamphlets, political tracts, and speeches. These selections help define events surrounding the tumultuous progress of workers' rights in the United States, including important strikes and movements, and the ensuing legal battles.

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five sections, each beginning with a brief introduction that examines the importance of the topic through a variety of historical documents.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">• American Labor from the Early Republic through the Populist Era• The Rise of American Labor in the Progressive Era	<p>The second volume continues with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Labor in the era of “Normalcy” American Labor in the New Deal Era and Second World War• The Post-War Struggles of the American Labor Movement
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The documents contained within these sections provide an overview of the history and significance of the process that entrenched workers' rights in the U.S., and the many challenges, legal battles, and violent confrontations that occurred along the way, shaping American history in the process.

Each Historical Document is supported by a critical essay, written by historians, teachers, and researchers, that includes a Summary Overview, Defining Moment, About the Author,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