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Salem Press Announces a New Edition to the Best-Selling *Great Events* Series—*Great Events from History: American History, 1492-1775—Exploration to the Colonial Era*

This first edition of *Great Events from History: American History, 1492-1775—Exploration to the Colonial Era* is a welcome addition to the long-running Great Events series by Salem Press. This brand-new title is the start of a new sub-series devoted to American History, and the crucial events that shaped the country's founding and growth. This book includes 150 essays on the nation's earliest days, from Europeans' "discovery" of North America through to the start of the American Revolution, presented categorically and chronologically for ease of navigation. Categories appear as events transpired, from The Pre-Colonial Era to the 1770s, and within each category, the essays are arranged chronologically to better guide the reader through the rich and varied history of each topic. Thirteen categories have been presented, and the editor has endeavored to place each essay as logically as possible. Some essays also contain sidebars dedicated to short biographies of important figures of the era.

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 covered in the main essays. These documents are reprinted either in full or in excerpt, and all begin with a short introduction for context. These documents give the reader a first-hand glimpse into the lives, writings, and orations of the people of the time.

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 100 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 “An Act directing the trial of Slaves” to Yamasee War;
- **Chronology** provides an easy-to-follow timeline of the events contained herein, from Leif Eriksson landing in North America to King George III’s Proclamation of Rebellion;
- **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, 1492-1775—Exploration to the Colonial Era* comes with complimentary online access via <http://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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