

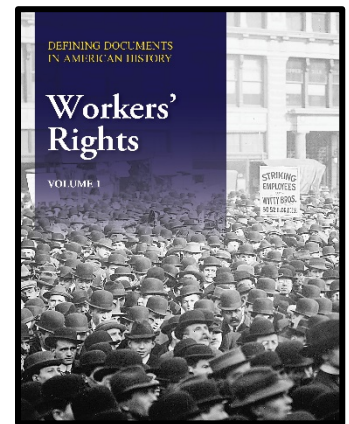
Defining Documents in American History: Workers' Rights

**FULL
TEXT
REVIEW**

Spanning the early nineteenth century through the present day, this set provides context and in-depth analysis of a wide range of documents, from court decisions and legislation to speeches and manifestos, all centered on the history of workers' rights and organized-labor movements. The chronological arrangement underscores shifts in support for labor rights alongside concurrent political, social, and economic changes. Each document is supported by a critical essay that includes a summary overview, context, information about the author, document analysis, and essential themes as well as a bibliography and further-reading suggestions.

Appendixes include a chronological list of documents, a bibliography, and an annotated list of supplemental web resources (mostly federal agencies and labor organizations). **Writing and speeches from activists such as Samuel Gompers, Mary "Mother" Jones, Cesar Chavez, and Walter Reuther, key local and federal legislation, and legal opinions by justices including Hugo Black, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg provide an overview of the important strikes, movements, and legal battles surrounding workers' rights, making this a useful starting point for high-school and undergraduate student research.**

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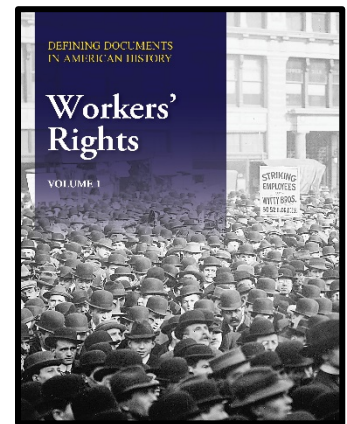
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Gulyas (history, Mott Community Coll.) has compiled 60 primary documents on the history of workers' rights and organized labor in the United States from the early 1800s through the dawn of the 21st century. The collection's five sections are organized chronologically: Early Republic through the Populist Era; the Progressive Era; the end of World War I to the beginning of the New Deal; the New Deal and the Second World War; and post-World War II. Documents either detail the poor working conditions under which adults and children labored or review legislation and court decisions that attempted to alleviate those conditions. Each document is accompanied by a summary and "defining moment," author information, a glossary, analysis, essential themes, a bibliography, and reading suggestions. **Gulyas and 17 contributors coherently provide meaningful analysis of the documents and discerningly explore broader theoretical and intellectual themes and trends.** The collection features an assortment of manifestos, memoirs, newspaper articles, pamphlets, political tracts, and speeches. It concludes with a chronological list of documents, applicable websites, and a bibliography.

VERDICT A distinctive collection of important primary papers with supporting text that provides historical context, relevance, and significance of those sources. Great for student reports.

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