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## ***Milestone Documents in American History Aligns History Reference with the Classroom***

*Schlager Group's "Milestone Documents" series debuts with American History*

May, 2008 (DALLAS) – Schlager Group has published *Milestone Documents in American History*, a four-volume set that explores the nation's most important documents and analyzes their historical impact. The set is being distributed by Salem Press and includes a free companion database—part of Salem's new digital platform, *Salem History*—that allows unlimited users to access the content in libraries and schools as well as from homes and dorm rooms.

*Milestone Documents in American History* responds to the increasing presence of primary sources at the heart of history education at both the high school and college levels. Its unique approach—combining full-text primary documents with expert analysis—aims to boost students' understanding of history and make their study time more productive.

*Milestone Documents in American History* is one of the first reference works to place primary sources in the starring role. It combines primary source material with extensive analyses by acclaimed historians and in the process gives students a new option for using these sources to understand history. For example, students will find the full text of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Pearl Harbor Speech along with a detailed overview by historian Carl Rollyson (Baruch College, City University of New York) that explores the key facets of the speech, including its historical context, intended audience, and essential quotes. Further, Dr. Rollyson offers a paragraph-by-paragraph analysis of the text, providing students with the immediacy and emotion of 1941. Additional elements, such as study questions, a time line, glossary terms, and photographs and illustrations, round out this lively and informative examination of Roosevelt's historic speech. The set also includes eight detailed teacher's guides containing dozens of student activities, all aligned with National History Standards.

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*Milestone Documents in American History* also connects students, teachers, and librarians with big thinkers and great writers. Executive Editor Paul Finkelman, an esteemed legal historian and the President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy at Albany Law School (New York), leads the team of nearly seventy-five historians and scholars who wrote the set's meaty analyses. Among them are Lewis Gould (University of Texas at Austin), author of *Grand Old Party: A History of the Republicans*; John P. Kaminski (University of Wisconsin–Madison), founder and director of the Center for the Study of the American Constitution; and Donna DeBlasio, director of the Center for Historic Preservation at Youngstown State University (Ohio).

*Milestone Documents in American History* is the first in a series of works entitled "Milestone Documents." The entire series is designed to align with the classroom through the assistance of Consulting Editor Bruce Lesh, vice-chair of the board of trustees of the National Council for History Education, and an advisory board of historians, history teachers, and librarians. A companion set—*Milestone Documents of American Leaders*—will follow in 2009, and subsequent titles will extend the series into world history. All titles in the series will be suitable for high school and lower-undergraduate college students. For more information, visit Schlager Group at [www.schlagergroup.com](http://www.schlagergroup.com).

*Milestone Documents in American History*, published by Schlager Group and distributed by Salem Press. ISBN: 978-0-9797758-0-2. 2,200 pages in 4 volumes. \$385. May 2008. To order, call Salem Press at 800-221-1592 or visit [www.salempress.com/milestone](http://www.salempress.com/milestone).

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Among Schlager Group's editorial projects are a variety of large-scale, multivolume works, often requiring hundreds of writers, content experts, and editors. These include the seven-volume *Science and Its Times: Understanding the Social Significance of Scientific Discovery* (Gale, 2000–01), *Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives* (Charles Scribner's Sons, 2000–07), *Crusades Reference Library* (UXL, 2005), and *World Encyclopedia of Political Systems and Parties* (Facts On File, 2006).

In 2007 Schlager Group launched its own independent publishing imprint. The first title, *Milestone Documents in American History* (2008), will be followed in 2009 by the companion sets *Milestone Documents of American Leaders* and *Milestone Documents in World History*.