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Full text of the primary document

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■ The executive editor for the volume is **Dr. Paul Finkelman**, President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy at Albany Law School; the consulting editor is **Bruce Lesh**, Franklin High School (MD), and vice-chair, board of trustees, National Council for History Education.

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