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Milestone Documents of American Leaders Explores History through the Words of Those Who Shaped the Nation

Schlager Group's acclaimed "Milestone Documents" series continues with unique biographical approach to primary sources

May 4, 2009 (DALLAS) – Schlager Group has published *Milestone Documents of American Leaders*, a four-volume set that explores history through the words of the nation's most influential leaders. A companion to Schlager's award-winning *Milestone Documents in American History*—dubbed "exceptional" by *School Library Journal* and "the premier reference work devoted to the subject" by *American Reference Books Annual—American Leaders* offers a unique biographical approach to the study of primary source documents. Entries are devoted to a diverse array of key figures from American history, from U.S. presidents and other government figures to influential private citizens. The set continues Schlager Group's pioneering approach to history content, with primary source texts combined with expert analysis by esteemed historians.

American Leaders is being distributed by Salem Press and includes a free companion database—part of Salem's digital platform, *Salem History*—that allows unlimited users to access the content in libraries and schools as well as from homes and dorm rooms. The online database also contains exclusive free content not found in the print set: an entry on the milestone documents of Barack Obama, with groundbreaking original coverage by the presidential historian Chester Pach (Ohio University).

Designed to work in tandem with *Milestone Documents in American History*, which examines the context, content, and impact of the most influential documents in American history, *American Leaders* covers 120 notable Americans from the Revolutionary era to the present day, including noteworthy presidents such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan, and George W. Bush; Supreme Court justices from John Marshall to Thurgood Marshall to Sandra Day O'Connor; important political figures, including Henry Clay, Tecumseh, and Condoleezza Rice; and other influential people, such as Abigail Adams, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Susan B. Anthony.

Each entry is devoted to a single figure and includes the full text of the most important documents the person produced along with extensive fresh analysis that explains the documents and describes how they illuminate the subject's place in history. The entries are written in the same engaging, readable style that captured critical acclaim for *Milestone Documents in American History*, with standard headings that help students understand how the documents came to be produced, their impact, and why they still matter today. Other features include a general subject index, a list of documents by category, and hundreds of images. In addition, history educators will find eight detailed and useful teacher's guides containing dozens of student activities, all aligned with the National History Standards.

American Leaders' editorial team includes Editor in Chief Paul Finkelman, an esteemed legal historian and the President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy at Albany (N.Y.) Law School, and Consulting Editor James A. Percoco, a history teacher at West Springfield (Va.) High School and history educator in residence at American University (Washington, D.C.). Among the historians who contributed to the set are Allida M. Black ("Eleanor Roosevelt"), the editor of the Eleanor Roosevelt Papers; Lewis L. Gould ("William McKinley"), a noted McKinley scholar from the University of Texas at Austin; Frank H. Mackaman ("Everett Dirksen") of the Dirksen Congressional Center; and William N. Tilchin ("Theodore Roosevelt"), editor of the *Theodore Roosevelt Association Journal*.

While its first two sets are focused on American history, subsequent Milestone Documents titles will extend the series into world history. All titles in the series are suitable for high school and undergraduate college students, and all are available from Salem Press, with free electronic access offered to all libraries that purchase the print sets. For more information, visit Schlager Group at www.schlagergroup.com.

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About Schlager Group

Founded in 1997, Schlager Group has established itself as a leader in primary source education and history reference. Its Milestone Documents series of reference books was inaugurated in 2008 with *Milestone Documents in American History*, which received a Choice Award for Outstanding Academic Title and a Booklist Editor's Choice Award. Upcoming sets in the series include *Milestone Documents in World History* (November 2009) and *Milestone Documents of World Religions* (April 2010).