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This convenient teacher's guide is all a parent or teacher needs to easily grade the 10th grade student assignments for American History: Observations & Assessments from Early Settlement to Today.

Assignments with answers, learning objectives, grading criteria, and short essay questions are included. This course is designed for a student to practice independent learning. The guide will assist teachers by offering: 34 chapters for 34 weeks of study - Chapters include 5 lessons taking approximately 30 minutes each - The final lesson of the week is an exam covering the week's instruction - Student questions are organized in the back for easy use in testing and review - Teachers, parents, or students can grade assignments daily or weekly As the teacher, you will enjoy partnering with your student as he or she processes American history while developing or strengthening a Christian world view.

Guess what? The Indians didn't save the Pilgrims from starvation by teaching them to grow corn. Thomas Jefferson thought states' rights—an idea reviled today—were even more important than the Constitution's checks and balances. The "Wild" West was more peaceful and a lot safer than most modern cities. And the biggest scandal of the Clinton years didn't involve an intern in a blue dress. Surprised? Don't be. In America, where history is riddled with misrepresentations, misunderstandings, and flat-out lies about the people

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and events that have shaped the nation, there's the history you know and then there's the truth. In *33 Questions About American History You're Not Supposed to Ask*, Thomas E. Woods Jr., the New York Times bestselling author of *The Politically Incorrect Guide to American History*, sets the record straight with a provocative look at the hidden truths about our nation's history—the ones that have been buried because they're too politically incorrect to discuss. Woods draws on real scholarship—as opposed to the myths, platitudes, and slogans so many other “history” books are based on—to ask and answer tough questions about American history, including:

- Did the Founding Fathers support immigration?
- Was the Civil War all about slavery?
- Did the Framers really look to the American Indians as the model for the U.S. political system?
- Was the U.S. Constitution meant to be a “living, breathing” document—and does it grant the federal government wide latitude to operate as it pleases?
- Did Bill Clinton actually stop a genocide, as we're told? You'd never know it from the history that's been handed down to us, but the answer to all those questions is no.

Woods's eye-opening exploration reveals how much has been whitewashed from the historical record, overlooked, and skewed beyond recognition. More informative than your last U.S. history class, *33 Questions About American History You're Not Supposed to Ask* will have you wondering just how much about your nation's past you haven't been told.

The individuals presented in these narrative biographies significantly, and sometimes decisively, impacted

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contemporary American life in a wide range of areas, including national politics, foreign policy, social and political activism, popular and literary culture, sports, and business. The combined biographical/thematic approach is designed to serve two purposes: to present more substantive biographical information, and to offer a fuller examination of key events and issues. The book is an ideal supplement for undergraduate courses on The United States Since 1945, as well as for courses on Modern America and 20th Century America.

The Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers includes both academic and non-academic philosophers, and a large number of female and minority thinkers whose work has been neglected. It includes those intellectuals involved in the development of psychology, pedagogy, sociology, anthropology, education, theology, political science, and several other fields, before these disciplines came to be considered distinct from philosophy in the late nineteenth century. Each entry contains a short biography of the writer, an exposition and analysis of his or her doctrines and ideas, a bibliography of writings, and suggestions for further reading. While all the major post-Civil War philosophers are present, the most valuable feature of this dictionary is its coverage of a huge range of less well-known writers, including hundreds of presently obscure thinkers. In many cases, the Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers offers the first scholarly treatment of the life and work of certain writers. This book will be an indispensable reference work for scholars working on almost any aspect of modern American thought.

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Published by OpenStax College, U.S. History covers the breadth of the chronological history of the United States and also provides the necessary depth to ensure the course is manageable for instructors and students alike. U.S. History is designed to meet the scope and sequence requirements of most courses. The authors introduce key forces and major developments that together form the American experience, with particular attention paid to considering issues of race, class and gender. The text provides a balanced approach to U.S. history, considering the people, events and ideas that have shaped the United States from both the top down (politics, economics, diplomacy) and bottom up (eyewitness accounts, lived experience).

By the time teens are in high school, they have already spent years wrestling with a heavy backpack. It's high time to solve this problem--and Pearson can help. Explore Pearson@home social studies products for home use.

This book looks at economic violence in early twentieth-century Chicago.

This text provides in-depth balanced content covering the beginnings of U.S. history through the present. Robert Justin Goldstein's Political Repression in Modern America provides the only comprehensive narrative account ever published of significant civil liberties violations concerning political dissidents since the rise of the post-Civil War modern American industrial state. A history of the dark side of the "land of the free," Goldstein's book covers both famous and little-known examples of governmental repression, including reactions to the early labor movement, the Haymarket affair, "little red scares" in 1908, 1935, and

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1938-41, the repression of opposition to World War I, the 1919 "great red scare," the McCarthy period, and post-World War II abuses of the intelligence agencies. Enhanced with a new introduction and an updated bibliography, *Political Repression in Modern America* remains an essential record of the relentless intolerance that suppresses radical dissent in the United States.

With the spate of mass shootings in schools and crowded public venues in recent decades, gun control in the United States has become a perennial topic in the national conversation. Conflicts in the debate on gun control include the Second Amendment, the NRA, common sense gun laws, public safety, and more. Through this collection of articles, readers will witness how the discussion of gun control has evolved from the 1960s through today, from the political assassinations of significant figures such as John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. to the Orlando nightclub massacre and the school shooting in Parkland, Florida in 2018.

In this Second Edition of this radical social history of America from Columbus to the present, Howard Zinn includes substantial coverage of the Carter, Reagan and Bush years and an Afterword on the Clinton presidency. Its commitment and vigorous style mean it will be compelling reading for under-graduate and post-graduate students and scholars in American social history and American studies, as well as the general reader.

Educational assessment, at one time a relatively uncontroversial subject, is now riven by a diversity of views. The most crucial division is between those who continue to believe in the effectiveness of objective assessment techniques and those who favour alternative methods. This book presents an analysis of the strengths, weaknesses and rationales for both.

In a comprehensive series of essays - addressing topics from

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the time of Columbus to the covid-19 pandemic - Paul Swendson does in written form what he has spent more than twenty years doing as a community college history instructor: making American history “manageable, meaningful, and relevant” for everyday people. In addition to breaking down the fundamental topics of American history in a concise, easy to read fashion, this is a work of political and social commentary, relating the experiences, struggles, and decisions of past Americans to life in the United States today. As stated in the book’s introductory essay, “For if history teachers – and historians for that matter – make no effort to draw lessons from the data and to bring the facts to life, then we are merely engaged in a trivia exercise.” In the end, the goal of this book, like all good history teaching and writing, is to help its readers become a little wiser, and raising the essential questions is often more important than providing the “right” answers. This book is ideal for anyone who is looking to get an overview of the basics of American history. It can also be a very effective supplemental reader in an American history survey course, stimulating classroom discussions that go beyond just learning the "facts." The author himself is currently using this book in his history courses, and many of the essays have evolved through his personal experiences working with junior high, high school, and college students. And since many of these students have not been history enthusiasts, the author has worked as hard at making the material engaging as he has ensuring its accuracy. The Take a Stand! series teaches students how to be historians. They learn not what to think or memorize, but how to analyze the events of the past. This unique approach makes the student an active participation in the analysis of the past. This is the best of critical thinking, Socratic discussion, and analytical writing in history. The Take a Stand! series is not a set of textbooks, but rather thinking,

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reading, speaking, and writing guides. Take a Stand! shows the student how to be a historian. You will need to use history texts and documents to complete the Take a Stand! method. History Content: Western Political Thought, The Age of Revolution, The Age of Napoleon, The Industrial Revolution, The Age of Imperialism, Causes of World War I, Effects of World War I, The Rise of Totalitarianism, World War II - Causes of Appeasement, The Cold War in Europe, 1945-1960, The Cold War in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, 1945-1980 Thinking and Writing Skills: Fact or Opinion? Judgment, Supporting Evidence, Primary or Secondary Analysis, Using Quotes, Paraphrasing, Thesis Statement, Conclusion, Outline for a One-Paragraph Essay, Rough Draft for a One-Paragraph Essay, Taking Notes, Thesis Statement for a Five Paragraph Essay, Rough Draft for a Five Paragraph Essay, Revising, Documenting Sources in a Text, Works Cited, Typing Guidelines, The Cover Page and Checklist, Thesis Statement for a Multi-Page Essay, Counter argument, Analyzing Primary Sources, Cause and Effect, Compare and Contrast, One-Paragraph Grading Rubric, Five-Paragraph Grading Rubric, Multi-Page Grading Rubric. This hugely influential work marked a turning point in US history and culture, arguing that the nation's expansion into the Great West was directly linked to its unique spirit: a rugged individualism forged at the juncture between civilization and wilderness, which – for better or worse – lies at the heart of American identity today. Throughout history, some books have changed the world. They have transformed the way we see ourselves – and each other. They have inspired debate, dissent, war and revolution. They have enlightened, outraged, provoked and comforted. They have enriched lives – and destroyed them. Now Penguin brings you the works of the great thinkers, pioneers, radicals and visionaries whose ideas shook civilization and helped make

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us who we are.

Sports in American History: From Colonization to Globalization, Second Edition, journeys from the early American past to the present to give students a compelling grasp of the evolution of American sporting practices. The second edition of Dr. Gary A. Donaldson's highly successful textbook *The Making of Modern America*, introduces students to the cultural, social and political paths the United States has traveled from the end of WWII to the present day. While deftly cataloguing the sweeping changes and major events in America from Dewey Defeats Truman through the election of our first black President, this newly updated edition never loses touch with that American history taking place at the level of the people. This edition details not just the United States rich cultural history, but elegantly repositions it as integral to our understanding of any portion of this country's past. Donaldson provides a factual foundation for students and then pushes them to interpret those facts, framing the discussions essential to any complete study of American history. *The Making of Modern America, Second Edition* is updated to include: An expanded chapter titled *America After the New Millennium* which more retrospectively and completely details the 21st century's first decade. A new chapter titled *The Second Bush and Obama: From the War on Terrorism to the Audacity of Hope* updating readers on the calamitous end to President George W. Bush's second term, the Obama administration's first term challenges and the Great Recession. Newly revised readings each profiling an historical event, speech or figure Lee Harvey Oswald to Bill Gates to Condoleezza Rice at the conclusion of each chapter."

Seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject American Studies - Culture and Applied Geography, grade: 2,0, University of Paderborn (Institut für Anglistik/Amerikanistik),

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course: Pro-Seminar 'The American Frontier', language: English, abstract: In this term paper I'm going to answer the question if the Western Myth and the idea of an American Frontier are still current topics in modern day America. The glorified myth of a frontier moving faster and faster into the unknown is deeply rooted in the heads of the American people, since the first settlers moved westwards, over hundred-fifty years ago. It had an enormous impact on America's history and on its national identity. But can this idea of a frontier still be found today, or is it just a historically important, but today mostly unappealing episode in recent history books? Furthermore, I will try to find an answer where hints and connections to the myth of the Old West - with its cowboys, lonesome riders and sheriffs - can be found in modern American culture. Are those images of the wild, deserted West still topical and influential, and if so, where. In which parts of life and culture can they be found, or are the Old West and the Western Myth just outdated? I'm going to carry out my researches about this topic with the help of the books 'The American frontier – Go West, young man' by Prof. Dr. Michael Porsche, 'The frontier in American History' by Frederick Jackson Turner, 'The Wild West: Myth and History' by Alexander Emmerich and several internet sources to illustrate and prove my theses. At the end of this term paper I hope to be able to point out, in which parts of everyday life in modern America references to the myth of the Wild West and the American Frontier can be found and which significance they have.

Frederick Jackson Turner's 1893 essay on the history of the United States remains one of the most famous and influential works in the American canon. That is a testament to Turner's powers of creative synthesis; in a few short pages, he succeeded in redefining the way in which whole generations of Americans understood the manner in which their country

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was shaped, and their own character moulded, by the frontier experience. It is largely thanks to Turner's influence that the idea of America as the home of a sturdily independent people - one prepared, ultimately, to obtain justice for themselves if they could not find it elsewhere - was born. The impact of these ideas can still be felt today: in many Americans' suspicion of "big government," in their attachment to guns - even in Star Trek's vision of space as "the final frontier." Turner's thesis may now be criticised as limited (in its exclusion of women) and over-stated (in its focus on the western frontier). That it redefined an issue in a highly impactful way - and that it did so exceptionally eloquently - cannot be doubted.

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History Content: United States Became a World Power, Immigration, The Role of Religion in American Life, U.S. Imperialism, Civil Liberties in the 1920s, the Great Depression, The New Deal, World War II in the Pacific, The Cold War in the United States, The Civil Rights Movement, Nixon and Watergate, Technology as a Cause for Change

Thinking and Writing Skills: Fact or Opinion? Judgment, Supporting Evidence, Primary or Secondary Analysis, Using Quotes, Paraphrasing, Thesis Statement, Conclusion, Outline for a One-Paragraph Essay, Rough Draft for a One-Paragraph Essay, Taking Notes, Thesis Statement for a Five

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Paragraph Essay, Rough Draft for a Five Paragraph Essay, Revising, Documenting Sources in a Text, Works Cited, Typing Guidelines, The Cover Page and Checklist, Thesis Statement for a Multi-Page Essay, Counter argument, Analyzing Primary Sources, Cause and Effect, Compare and Contrast, One-Paragraph Grading Rubric, Five-Paragraph Grading Rubric, Multi-Page Grading Rubric.

A guide to proper American English word usage, grammar, pronunciation, and style features examples of good and bad usage from the media.

New York Times Bestseller In the most ambitious one-volume American history in decades, award-winning historian and New Yorker writer Jill Lepore offers a magisterial account of the origins and rise of a divided nation, an urgently needed reckoning with the beauty and tragedy of American history. Written in elegiac prose, Lepore's groundbreaking investigation places truth itself—a devotion to facts, proof, and evidence—at the center of the nation's history. The American experiment rests on three ideas—"these truths," Jefferson called them—political equality, natural rights, and the sovereignty of the people. And it rests, too, on a fearless dedication to inquiry, Lepore argues, because self-government depends on it. But has the nation, and democracy itself, delivered on that promise? These Truths tells this uniquely American story, beginning in 1492, asking whether the course of events over more than five centuries has proven the nation's truths, or belied them. To answer that question, Lepore traces the intertwined histories of American politics, law, journalism, and technology, from the colonial town meeting to the nineteenth-century party machine, from talk radio to twenty-first-century Internet polls, from Magna Carta to the Patriot Act, from the printing press to Facebook News. Along the way, Lepore's sovereign chronicle is filled with arresting sketches of both well-known

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and lesser-known Americans, from a parade of presidents and a rogues' gallery of political mischief makers to the intrepid leaders of protest movements, including Frederick Douglass, the famed abolitionist orator; William Jennings Bryan, the three-time presidential candidate and ultimately tragic populist; Pauli Murray, the visionary civil rights strategist; and Phyllis Schlafly, the uncredited architect of modern conservatism. Americans are descended from slaves and slave owners, from conquerors and the conquered, from immigrants and from people who have fought to end immigration. "A nation born in contradiction will fight forever over the meaning of its history," Lepore writes, but engaging in that struggle by studying the past is part of the work of citizenship. "The past is an inheritance, a gift and a burden," These Truths observes. "It can't be shirked. There's nothing for it but to get to know it."

The Cambridge Companion to Modern American Poetry offers a critical overview of major and emerging American poets of the twentieth century.

A Pulitzer Prize-winning historian discusses "the Cold War, political parties, the presidency, and many broader philosophical issues [with] incisive wit" (Library Journal). A celebrated historian, speechwriter, and adviser to President Kennedy, Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. draws on decades of astute observation to construct a dialectic of American politics, or as Time magazine called it, a "recurring struggle between pragmatism and idealism in the American soul." The Cycles of American History traces two conflicting visions of America—Experiment vs. Destiny—through two centuries of political evolution, conflict, and progress. In this updated edition, Schlesinger reflects on the dawn of a new millennium and how new social and technological revolutions could lead to a revolution in American political cycles. "Whatever the nation's political future, it can benefit from the intelligence

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and regard for our country's best traditions evident in these informed and humane essays." —TheNew York Times

"Displays the author at his best: trenchant, erudite, crisp."

—Foreign Affairs "An excellent and provocative primer on the challenges surrounding the contemporary American political setting . . . First-rate history mixed with a strong sense of public service." —The Christian Science Monitor

Contrary to conventional wisdom, no area of study is outdated more quickly than history, and no time has been more turbulent for the discipline than our own. This classic point/counterpoint reader in American history, now in a completely revised and updated seventh edition, takes note of history's impermanence, giving voice to the new without disposing of the old. In ten lively chapters, essays by the editors introduce dialectical readings by distinguished historians on topics from the Puritans through Reconstruction. The essays and readings address history's timeless questions: "The American Revolution: Social or Ideological?," "The Constitution: Conflict or Consensus?," and "Slave Culture: African or American?" New readings are included on African Americans, women, and immigrants. In the fray of debate, eminent historians from Perry Miller and Allan Nevins to Eric Foner, Gordon Wood, and Carol Sheriff struggle to interpret the past. The editors' essays moderate these passionate arguments and offer a clear, distanced vision of the changing character of history. They explain how history has usually been viewed through the lens of the present and demonstrate with sparkling historiography that the discipline is as contemporary as the headlines of today, as vital as the

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problems of tomorrow.

- Chronological presentation of the specific groups and organizations provides historical insight into the development of right-wing extremism
- Provides an up-to-date bibliography for further reading
- Thorough cross-referencing of sources

“Golway’s revisionist take is a useful reminder of the unmatched ingenuity of American politics.”—Wall Street Journal History casts Tammany Hall as shorthand for the worst of urban politics: graft and patronage personified by notoriously crooked characters. In his groundbreaking work *Machine Made*, journalist and historian Terry Golway dismantles these stereotypes, focusing on the many benefits of machine politics for marginalized immigrants. As thousands sought refuge from Ireland’s potato famine, the very question of who would be included under the protection of American democracy was at stake. Tammany’s transactional politics were at the heart of crucial social reforms—such as child labor laws, workers’ compensation, and minimum wages—and Golway demonstrates that American political history cannot be understood without Tammany’s profound contribution. Culminating in FDR’s New Deal, *Machine Made* reveals how Tammany Hall “changed the role of government—for the better to millions of disenfranchised recent American arrivals” (New York Observer).

"I too am not a bit tamed—I too am untranslatable / I sound my barbaric yawp over the roofs of the world."—Walt Whitman, "Song of Myself," *Leaves of Grass* The American Yawp is a free, online, collaboratively built American history textbook. Over 300

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historians joined together to create the book they wanted for their own students—an accessible, synthetic narrative that reflects the best of recent historical scholarship and provides a jumping-off point for discussions in the U.S. history classroom and beyond. Long before Whitman and long after, Americans have sung something collectively amid the deafening roar of their many individual voices. The Yawp highlights the dynamism and conflict inherent in the history of the United States, while also looking for the common threads that help us make sense of the past. Without losing sight of politics and power, *The American Yawp* incorporates transnational perspectives, integrates diverse voices, recovers narratives of resistance, and explores the complex process of cultural creation. It looks for America in crowded slave cabins, bustling markets, congested tenements, and marbled halls. It navigates between maternity wards, prisons, streets, bars, and boardrooms. The fully peer-reviewed edition of *The American Yawp* will be available in two print volumes designed for the U.S. history survey. Volume I begins with the indigenous people who called the Americas home before chronicling the collision of Native Americans, Europeans, and Africans. *The American Yawp* traces the development of colonial society in the context of the larger Atlantic World and investigates the origins and ruptures of slavery, the American Revolution, and the new nation's development and rebirth through the Civil War and Reconstruction. Rather than asserting a fixed narrative of American progress, *The American Yawp* gives students a starting point for asking their own questions about how the past

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informs the problems and opportunities that we confront today.

Family is the foundation of society, and debates on family norms have always touched the very heart of America. This volume investigates the negotiations and transformations of family values and gender norms in the twentieth century as they relate to the overarching processes of social change of that period. By combining long-term approaches with innovative analysis, *Inventing the "Modern American Family"* transcends not only the classical dichotomies between women's studies and masculinity studies, but also contribute substantially to the history of gender and culture in the United States.

The award-winning author of *Founding Brothers* and *The Quartet* now gives us a deeply insightful examination of the relevance of the views of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and John Adams to some of the most divisive issues in America today. The story of history is a ceaseless conversation between past and present, and in *American Dialogue* Joseph J. Ellis focuses the conversation on the often-asked question "What would the Founding Fathers think?" He examines four of our most seminal historical figures through the prism of particular topics, using the perspective of the present to shed light on their views and, in turn, to make clear how their now centuries-old ideas illuminate the disturbing impasse of today's political conflicts. He discusses Jefferson and the issue of racism, Adams and the specter of economic inequality, Washington and American imperialism, Madison and the doctrine of original intent. Through these juxtapositions--and in his

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hallmark dramatic and compelling narrative voice--Ellis illuminates the obstacles and pitfalls paralyzing contemporary discussions of these fundamentally important issues.

Seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject American Studies - Culture and Applied Geography, grade: 2,0, University of Paderborn (Institut für Anglistik/Amerikanistik), course: Pro-Seminar 'The American Frontier', language: English, comment: Darstellung und Analyse des 'Mythos wilder Westen' - unter Bezugnahme auf die Konzepte der 'Frontier' und 'manifest Destiny' - mit anschließender Auswertung der Bedeutung dieser Ideen für das moderne Amerika., abstract: In this term paper I'm going to answer the question if the Western Myth and the idea of an American Frontier are still current topics in modern day America. The glorified myth of a frontier moving faster and faster into the unknown is deeply rooted in the heads of the American people, since the first settlers moved westwards, over hundred-fifty years ago. It had an enormous impact on America's history and on its national identity. But can this idea of a frontier still be found today, or is it just a historically important, but today mostly unappealing episode in recent history books? Furthermore, I will try to find an answer where hints and connections to the myth of the Old West - with its cowboys, lonesome riders and sheriffs - can be found in modern American culture. Are those images of the wild, deserted West still topical and influential, and if so, where. In which parts of life and culture can they be found, or are the Old West and the Western Myth just

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Modern American Lives  
Individuals and Issues in American History Since 1945  
M.E. Sharpe

Criticizes the way history is presented in current textbooks, and suggests a more accurate approach to teaching American history.

Presents, in question and answer format, a history of the United States from the exploration of Christopher Columbus to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Simultaneous. Every day Americans make decisions about their privacy: what to share, how much to expose to whom. Securing the boundary between private affairs and public identity has become a central task of citizenship. Sarah Igo pursues this elusive social value across the twentieth century, as individuals asked how they should be known by their own society.

This book presents a cultural history of Latin America as seen through a symbolic good and a practice – the book, and the act of publication – two elements that have had an irrefutable power in shaping the modern world. The volume combines multiple theoretical approaches and empirical landscapes with the aim to comprehend how Latin American publishers

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became the protagonists of a symbolic unification of their continent from the 1930s through the 1970s. The Latin American focus responds to a central point in its history: the effective interdependence of the national cultures of the continent. Americanism, until the 1950s, or Latin Americanism, from the onset of the Cold War, were moral frameworks that guided publishers' thinking and actions and had concrete effects on the process of regional integration. The illustration of how Latin American publishing markets were articulated opens up broader and comparative questions regarding the ways in which the ideas embodied in books also sought to unify other cultural areas. The intersection of cultural, political and economic themes, as well as the style of writing, makes this book an interest to a wide reading public with historical and sociological sensitivity and global cultural curiosity.

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