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across the country museums and historic sites welcome visitors into a world long gone but fundamental to america today military history in particular is etched into our country s culture and the public s imagination the trouble though for museums and historical sites lies in continuing to make it both accessible and relevant to today s audiences through interpreting american military history at museums and historic sites marc k blackburn tackles the difficult task of helping those institutions charged with the care of sites collections and stories that relate to our past relatable while still maintaining the dignity and reverence of their rich history looking at the various components of american military history such as battles and famous figures blackburn provides alternatives to the traditional museum experience the 21st century is a culmination of the past and it is more important than ever to remember and learn from the triumphs and failures and this guide provides and explains those strategies for making our stories and collections relevant to modern audiences this books acts as a primer for those unfamiliar with academic trends of the last forty years historiography of american military history like that of other sub fields shifts as new information surfaces or as perspectives change blackburn modernizes this area through new interpretative methods as well as through case studies of museums and historic sites that have created programs interpretive media outreach strategies and mission goals updated to meet the needs of today s patrons armed with these strategies historic institutions will have the foundation to provide compelling relevant and engaging experiences for the 21st century audience

in this landmark guide nearly two dozen essays by scholars educators and museum leaders suggest the next steps in the interpretation of african american history and culture from the colonial period to the twentieth century at history museums and historic sites this diverse anthology addresses both historical research and interpretive methodologies including investigating church and legal records using social media navigating sensitive or difficult topics preserving historic places engaging students and communities and strengthening connections between local and national history case studies of exhibitions tours and school programs from around the country provide practical inspiration including photographs of projects and examples of exhibit label text highlights include amanda seymour discusses the prevalence of false nostalgia at the homes of the first five presidents and offers practical solutions to create a more inclusive nuanced history dr bernard powers reveals that african american church records are a rich but often overlooked source for developing a more complete portrayal of individuals and communities dr david young executive director of cliveden uses his experience in reinterpreting this national historic landmark to identify four ways that people respond to a history that has been too often untold ignored or appropriated and how museums and historic sites can constructively respond dr matthew pinsker explains that historic sites may be missing a huge opportunity in telling the story of freedom and emancipation by focusing on the underground railroad rather than its much

bigger upper ground counterpart martha katz hyman tackles the challenges of interpreting the material culture of both enslaved and free african americans in the years before the civil war by discussing the furnishing of period rooms dr benjamin filene describes three micro public history projects that lead to new ways of understanding the past handling source limitations building partnerships and reaching audiences andrea jones shares her approach for engaging students through historical simulations based on the fight for your rights school program at the atlanta history center a exhibit on african american vietnam war veterans at the heinz history center not only linked local and international events but became an award winning model of civic engagement a collaboration between a university and museum that began as a local history project interpreting the scottsboro boys trial as a website and brochure ended up changing alabama law a list of national organizations and an extensive bibliography on the interpretation of african american history provide convenient gateways to additional resources

in his new book interpreting america john ryder makes available for the first time to english speaking readers russian views of the full range of american philosophical thought from seventeenth century puritanism through the colonial and revolutionary periods nineteenth century idealism pragmatism naturalism and other twentieth century movements and figures using his own accurate translations he clearly reconstructs a chain of core ideas emphasizes the most essential concepts of each writer s work and gives a multidimensional reconstruction of the arguments of each author

interpreting native american history and culture at museums and historic sites features ideas and suggested best practices for the staff and board of museums that care for collections of native material culture and who work with native american culture history and communities this resource gives museum and history professionals benchmarks to help shape conversations and policies designed to improve relations with native communities represented in the museum the book includes case studies from museums that are purposefully working to incorporate native people and perspectives into all aspects of their work the case study authors share experiences hoping to inspire other museum staff to reach out to tribes to develop or improve their own interpretative processes examples from tribal and non tribal museums and partnerships between tribes and museums are explored as models for creating deep and long lasting partnerships between museums and the tribal communities they represent the case studies represent museums of different sizes different missions and located in different regions of the country in an effort to address the unique history of each location by doing so it inspires action among museums to invite native people to share in the interpretive process or to take existing relationships further by sharing authority with museum staff and board

this volume published in honor of the occasion of david pilbeam s 65th birthday covers major topics in human primate and mammalian evolution mostly from the miocene to the present the papers emphasize novel interpretations of several key areas of longstanding interest and importance including miocene biogeography and hominoid evolution the origins of hominids and new interpretations of the hominid fossil record in terms of content most of the papers tackle key issues in the evolution of hominoids and hominids in terms of systematic paleoenvironmental and behavioral questions more broadly however the papers explore the epistemological problems of how one interprets the past from the available data

jews are part and parcel of american history from colonial port cities to frontier outposts from commercial and manufacturing centers to rural villages and from metropolitan regions to constructed communities jews are found everywhere and throughout four centuries of american history from the early 17th century to the present the story of american jews has been one of immigration adjustment and accomplishment sometimes in the face of prejudice and discrimination this then is a narrative of minority majority relations of evolving norms and traditions of ongoing conversations about community and culture identity and meaning interpreting american jewish history at museums and historic sites begins with a broad overview of american jewish history in the context of a religious culture than extends back more than 3 000 years and which manifests itself in a variety of distinctive american forms this is followed by five chapters each looking at a major theme in american jewish history movement home life community prejudice and culture the book also describes and analyzes projects by history organizations large and small to interpret american jewish life for general public audiences these case studies cover a wide range of themes approaches formats the book concludes with a history of jewish collections and jewish museums in north america and a chapter on next practice that promote adaptive thinking continuous innovation and programs that are responsive to ever changing circumstances

history politics and the american past assesses the connection between historiography and politics in america on the basis of an important methodological distinction between the past and the history written about it while necessarily interpreting the past professional historians and those with a general interest alike remain tempted consciously or not to make american history serve their own political and moral views there is a tendency to impose our present values on the past and sometimes go so far as to believe the past can be changed by present action in this volume ari helo analyzes examples of this including metahistorical narratives presidential speeches and the occasionally vague rhetoric of the confederate statue campaigns before diagnosing the source of doing so and suggesting how we might avoid it taking america as its example the book

illuminates essential methodological issues related to history writing while deciphering the complicated relationship of history and politics the book will be of interest to scholars and students of american history historiography american studies and cultural studies providing a vivid account of how to make sense of american history

presents a historical overview of the relationship between the united states and christianity and an analysis of the beliefs of such figures as thomas jefferson benjamin franklin and george washington

ask not what science can do for you but what public history can do for science interpreting science in museums and historic sites stresses the untapped potential of historical artifacts to inform our understanding of scientific topics it argues that science gains ground when contextualized in museums and historic sites engaging audiences in conversations about hot topics such as health and medical sciences or climate change and responses to it mediated by a history museum can emphasize scientific rigor and the time lag between discovery and confirmation of societal benefit interpreting science emphasizes the urgency of this work provides a toolkit to start and sustain the work shares case studies that model best practice and resources useful to facilitate and sustain a science infused public history

interpreting the legacy of women s suffrage at museums and historic sites is an invaluable guide for public historians and practitioners who wish to share an updated historic narrative that is inclusive of the full breadth of the movement including the pervasive bias and racism this book acknowledges the barriers faced by history practitioners from the difficulty in finding materials that document the political actions by women of color to our own reluctance to broach this disparity and then offers practical solutions and techniques for bringing about a larger shift in organizational culture to begin this book includes a chronological primer on the us women s suffrage movement and the events around the 50th 75th and finally the centennial of the ratification of the 19th amendment that took place in 2020 additionally four women s history practitioners share case studies from their work at the national woman s party the frances willard house and the general federation of women s clubs each organization is moving forward to confront the racist tactics or documented racism within their own history the final case study written by chick history showcases their multi year project to digitize and make available family and local history related to african american women s political history in tennessee before 1930 the case studies can be used as models for best practices cautionary examples of lessons learned and can be replicated at sites of all sizes lastly the book provides an expansive list of online resources as well as a discussion guide on the history of women s voting rights interpreting the legacy

of women's suffrage at museums and historic sites will be helpful to both practitioners and community organizations as they engage in public discussions or convene focus groups around the sensitive topics of bias and racism within the larger women's suffrage movement

the preeminent historian of the American Revolution explains why it remains the most significant event in our history more than almost any other nation in the world the United States began as an idea for this reason Pulitzer Prize winning historian Gordon S. Wood believes that the American Revolution is the most important event in our history bar none since American identity is so fluid and not based on any universally shared heritage we have had to continually return to our nation's founding to understand who we are in the idea of America Wood reflects on the birth of American nationhood and explains why the Revolution remains so essential in a series of elegant and illuminating essays Wood explores the ideological origins of the Revolution from ancient Rome to the European Enlightenment and the founders' attempts to forge an American democracy as Wood reveals while the founders hoped to create a virtuous republic of yeoman farmers and uninterested leaders they instead gave birth to a sprawling licentious and materialistic popular democracy Wood also traces the origins of American exceptionalism to this period revealing how the revolutionary generation despite living in a distant sparsely populated country believed itself to be the most enlightened people on earth the Revolution gave Americans their messianic sense of purpose and perhaps our continued propensity to promote democracy around the world because the founders believed their colonial rebellion had universal significance for oppressed peoples everywhere yet what may seem like audacity in retrospect reflected the fact that in the eighteenth century republicanism was a truly radical ideology as radical as Marxism would be in the nineteenth and one that indeed inspired revolutionaries the world over today there exists what Wood calls a terrifying gap between us and the founders such that it requires almost an act of imagination to fully recapture their era because we now take our democracy for granted it is nearly impossible for us to appreciate how deeply the founders feared their grand experiment in liberty could evolve into monarchy or dissolve into licentiousness gracefully written and filled with insight the idea of America helps us to recapture the fears and hopes of the revolutionary generation and its attempts to translate those ideals into a working democracy Lin-Manuel Miranda's smash Broadway musical Hamilton has sparked new interest in the Revolutionary War and the founding fathers in addition to Alexander Hamilton the production also features George Washington Thomas Jefferson James Madison Aaron Burr Lafayette and many more look for Gordon's new book *Friends Divided*

this book of collected essays by Laurence Whitehead an eminent scholar of Latin America explores the structures and influences

that bind together the region shedding light on this vast and rapidly changing culture zone

centennial edition popularly known as the constitution annotated or conan encompasses the u s constitution and analysis and interpretation of the u s constitution with in text annotations of cases decided by the supreme court of the united states the analysis is provided by the congressional research service crs in the library of congress this is the 100th anniversary edition of a publication first released in 1913 at the direction of the u s senate since then it has been published as a bound edition every 10 years with updates issued every two years that address new constitutional law cases audience federal lawmakers libraries law firms constitutional scholars

in american revolution a constitutional interpretation charles howard mcilwain presents a compelling analysis that situates the american revolution within the framework of constitutional theory through a meticulous examination of legal documents and political philosophies of the time mcilwain argues that the revolution was not merely a rebellion against tyranny but also a transformative constitutional event his scholarly prose combines historical detail with legal analysis allowing readers to appreciate the interplay between revolutionary fervor and the evolving understanding of governance which characterized this pivotal era mcilwain's work stands as a critical intervention in both american and legal history reflecting a growing interest in the constitutional underpinnings of key historical events charles howard mcilwain a distinguished historian and scholar was deeply influenced by the shifting landscape of early 20th century america marked by significant constitutional debates his academic journey enriched by a background in law and history informed his perspective on the revolution's legacy mcilwain's dedication to elucidating the constitutional implications of american independence reflects a desire to reconcile historical narrative with legal principles a theme that resonates in his wider scholarly oeuvre readers interested in the foundational principles of american democracy and the intricacies of constitutional development will find mcilwain's work indispensable it invites a deeper reflection on the ideological motivations behind the revolution urging contemporary audiences to consider the delicate balance between liberty and order for students scholars and enthusiasts of american history this book is a profound exploration that enriches our understanding of the nation's formative conflicts

times are changing at historic house museums and no one is more aware of this than the fourteen contributors to interpreting historic house museums these respected museum professionals consider the history of house museums and the need to look at familiar issues from new perspectives and using new methods if your site isn't using a comprehensive interpretive plan how

can you create one while doing so how do you address contemporary issues like race and gender don t forget the physical either does your property need a landscape plan as well as a furnishings plan and when your visitors arrive to see all your hard work how accessible is your property if the answer is not very what can and should you be doing to address that once inside how good are your tours and guides and does your furnishings plan allow visitors to maximize their experiences in areas without guides interpreting historic house museums captures the big picture and the important details its discussion of contemporary issues and successful programs its practical guidelines and information up to date references and lively illustrations will make it useful and relevant for both students and practicing professionals

as a meeting point for world cultures the usa is characterized by its breadth and diversity acknowledging that diversity is the fundamental feature of american culture this volume is organized around a keen awareness of race gender class and space and with over 1 200 alphabetically arranged entries spanning the american century from the end of world war ii to the present day the encyclopedia provides a one stop source for insightful and stimulating coverage of all aspects of that culture entries range from short definitions to longer overview essays and with full cross referencing extensive indexing and a thematic contents list this volume provides an essential cultural context for both teachers and students of american studies as well as providing fascinating insights into american culture for the general reader the suggestions for further reading which follows most entries are also invaluable guides to more specialized sources

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