

ABOUT THE VOLUME

Closing out the twentieth century, the 1990s showed no signs that the United States would enter quietly into the next millennium. Under the George H.W. Bush administration, U.S. troops fought in the first Gulf War, liberating Kuwait from Iraq. David Koresh's cult compound in Waco, Texas, was raided by federal agents. President Bill Clinton was impeached by Congress, but remained in office to complete his second term. NASA's *Pathfinder* sent images of Mars back to Earth. The curious could view the images on the rapidly expanding and increasingly accessible Internet. While new technology transformed much of how people communicated and worked, some business-place practices are universal. These were humorously represented in the new *Dilbert* comic strip. The following documents are just a sampling of the offerings available in this volume.

Highlights of Primary Sources, 1990–1999

- Art work by African American artist Kara Walker
- The Preamble to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
- Transcript of National Public Radio broadcast about the Columbine shootings in Littleton, Colorado
- Advertisement for Levi's Dockers pants
- The First Bush-Clinton-Perot Debate
- *The Starr Report, September 9, 1998*
- *Dilbert* cartoon by Scott Adams accompanied by an excerpt from Adams's *The Dilbert Principle*

- "Is Fox News Fair?" an article from the *Columbia Journalism Review*
- President Clinton's Memorandum on Fetal Tissue Transplantation Research
- Speech by Minister Louis Farrakhan at the Million Man March, October 17, 1995
- *Darwin's Black Box*, by Michael Behe
- "From Russia With Love," excerpts from Venus Williams's diary
- Testimony from the confirmation hearings of Clarence Thomas

Volume Structure and Content

Front matter

- Table of Contents—lists primary sources, authors, and dates of origin, by chapter and chronologically within chapters.
- About the Set, About the Volume, About the Entry essays—guide the reader through the set and promote ease of use.
- Highlights of Primary Sources—a quick look at a dozen or so primary sources gives the reader a feel for the decade and the volume's contents.
- Using Primary Sources—provides a crash course in reading and interpreting primary sources.
- Chronology of Selected World Events Outside the United States—lends additional context in which to place the decade's primary sources.

Chapters:

- The Arts
- Business and the Economy
- Education
- Fashion and Design
- Government and Politics
- Law and Justice
- Lifestyles and Social Trends
- The Media
- Medicine and Health
- Religion
- Science and Technology
- Sports

Chapter structure

- Chapter table of contents—lists primary sources, authors, and dates of origin chronologically, showing each source's place in the decade.

- Chapter chronology—highlights the decade's important events in the chapter's subject.
- Primary sources—displays sources surrounded by contextual material.

Back matter

- General Resources—promotes further inquiry with books, periodicals, websites, and audio and visual media, all organized into general and subject-specific sections.
- General Index—provides comprehensive access to primary sources, people, events, and subjects, and cross-referencing to enhance comparison and analysis.
- Primary Source Type Index—locates primary sources by category, giving readers an opportunity to easily analyze sources across genres.