



Reader's Guide

U•X•L American Decades provides a broad overview of the major events and people that helped to shape American society throughout the twentieth century. Each volume in this ten-volume set chronicles a single decade and begins with an introduction to that decade and a timeline of major events in twentieth-century America. Following are eight chapters devoted to these categories of American endeavor:

- Arts and Entertainment
- Business and the Economy
- Education
- Government, Politics, and Law
- Lifestyles and Social Trends
- Medicine and Health
- Science and Technology
- Sports

These chapters are then divided into five sections:

Chronology: A timeline of significant events within the chapter's particular field.

* **Overview:** A summary of the events and people detailed in that chapter.

★ **Headline Makers:** Short biographical accounts of key people and their achievements during the decade.

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- ❖ **Topics in the News:** A series of short topical essays describing events and people within the chapter's theme.
- ✂ **For More Information:** A section that lists books and Web sites directing the student to further information about the events and people covered in the chapter.

OTHER FEATURES

Each volume of *U•X•L American Decades* contains more than eighty black-and-white photographs and illustrations that bring the events and people discussed to life and sidebar boxes that expand on items of high interest to readers. Concluding each volume is a general bibliography of books and Web sites that explore the particular decade in general and a thorough subject index that allows readers to easily locate the events, people, and places discussed throughout that volume of *U•X•L American Decades*.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

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