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A chronological look at how the United States took shape -- from its origins as an obscure set of colonies on the Atlantic coast a little more than 200 years ago into what one political analyst today calls "the first universal nation." This fully illustrated edition has been completely revised and updated by Alonzo L. Hamby, Distinguished Professor of History at Ohio University.

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Basic Readings in U.S. Democracy
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Deutsch-sprachige Übersetzungen:
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Historians on America
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Abraham Lincoln: A Legacy of Freedom
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The year 2009 marks the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the nation’s 16th president, and the man often considered its greatest leader. As the United States endured its greatest crisis, this self-educated common man supplied the leadership and the moral force that bound Americans together and carried them to victory. His vision spanned diplomacy and military strategy, political thought and elemental justice for all Americans — including the African-American slaves he emancipated. The essays gathered here introduce readers to this “best and most widely acclaimed of all Americans.”

Women of Influence
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This collection chronicles how 21 notable American women broke new ground, some by championing equal rights for all and others by their accomplishments in fields such as government, literature, and even in war.

AUFSÄTZE
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  http://usa.usembassy.de/etexts/factover/ch3.htm

- Die Stadt auf dem Hügel

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- History of the United States: http://usa.usembassy.de/history.htm
- US Geschichte: http://usa.usembassy.de/geschichte.htm
- Civil Rights Documents: http://usa.usembassy.de/etexts/crights/index.htm
- Famous Speeches: http://usa.usembassy.de/etexts/speeches/index.htm

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- Civil Rights Guided Tour: http://usinfo.org/enus/guided_tours/tour_civilrights.html

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