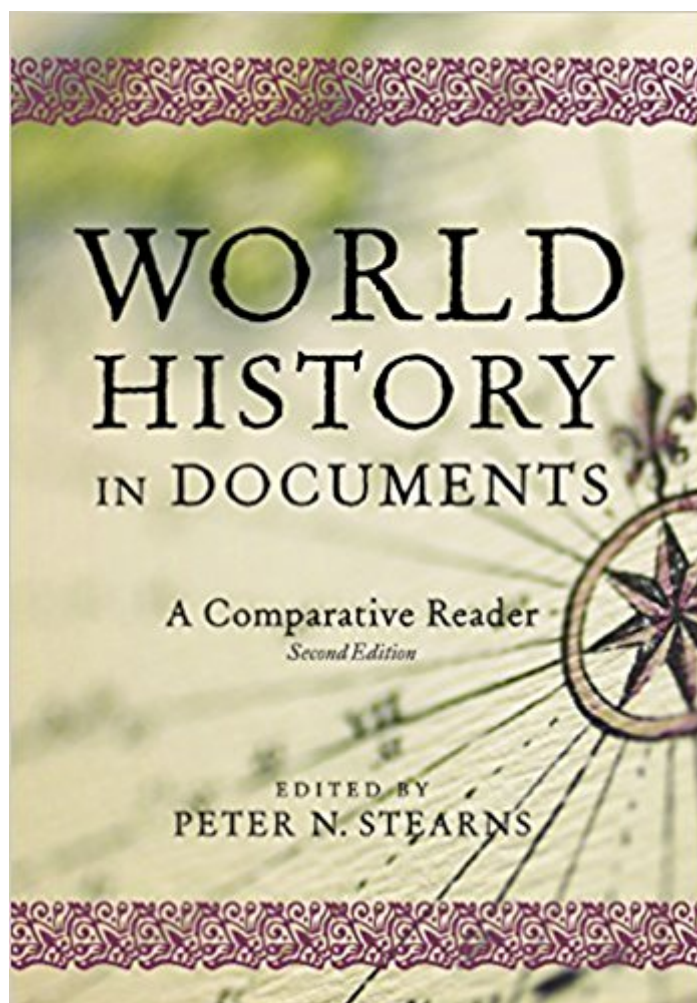


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# World History In Documents: A Comparative Reader



## Synopsis

While world history materials date back to prehistoric times, the field itself is relatively young. Indeed, when the first edition of Peter Stearns's best-selling *World History in Documents* was published in 1998, world history was poised for explosive growth, with the College Board approving the AP world history curriculum in 2000, and the exam shortly thereafter. At the university level, survey world history courses are increasingly required for history majors, and graduate programs in world history are multiplying in the U.S. and overseas. World events have changed as rapidly as the field of world history itself, making the long-awaited second edition of *World History in Documents* especially timely. In addition to including a new preface, focusing on current trends in the field, Stearns has updated forty percent of the textbook, paying particular attention to global processes throughout history. The book also covers key events that have altered world history since the publication of the first edition, including terrorism, global consumerism, and environmental issues.

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"Given the enduring fascination of the American Revolution, this fine biography of Thomas Hutchinson should find a wide and appreciative audience. Historian Stephen Walmsely's persuasive study of the loyalist governor of Massachusetts Bay portrays an honorable but unimaginative official who remains true to his aristocratic conception of duty but helpless to arrest the forces wrenching his native land away from Crown rule. Putting a human face on an epic conflict, Walmsley finds hutchinson's radical opponents motivated less by ideas and principles than by ambition, greed, and

personal animus. Indeed, Walmsley's graphic description of the mob violence, deployed by the patriots to intimidate Hutchinson and subvert the rule of law, will leave readers pondering who were the villains and who the heroes in this superb reconsideration of the nation's origins."-Allen Matusow, Rice University --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Peter N. Stearns is Provost and University Professor at George Mason University. Since 1967, he has served as editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Social History*. His numerous books include *World History in Documents*; *American Behavioral History*; and *Anxious Parents*.

Seems like it will be a good book to use. Some of the history is really early and definitely explores less taught sections of the world. I haven't used it yet this year, it seems as though it would be more appropriate for a higher level class (collaborative would be challenge and college prep would probably work!) has some questions in it and I'm looking forward to using it next year!

Practice as the high school AP curriculum intended.

This book is a great resource for teaching primary documents! Its a comparative reader with over 400 pages and even comes with questions for each document. What really sold me is the name, edited by Peter Stearns, author of *World Civilizations*. This book is most useful for teaching AP World History.

This compendium of documents edited by Peter Stearns offers more the the usual materials one finds in most primary source compilations. They are long enough to allow students to really dive into the text but not so long as to be tedious.

I've been using this book as a source for good primary readings to go with my AP World history course, the questions and comparisons are thought provoking, and require students to think about topics in new ways.

This is an excellent collection for a survey course that gives the students access to a wide variety of excerpts of important and unusual documents.

My colleagues and I are developing an interdisciplinary course of study. This text will serve as the

class text for the history component.

All done as promised.

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