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The Mexican Revolution: A Brief History With Documents (Bedford Series In History And Culture)



Synopsis

During the Mexican Revolution a remarkable alliance of peasants, working and middle classes, and elites banded together to end General Porfirio Díaz's thirty-five year rule as dictator-president and created a radical new constitution that demanded education for all children, redistributed land and water resources, and established progressive labor laws. In this collection, Mark Wasserman examines the causes, conduct, and consequences of the revolution and carefully untangles the shifting alliances of the participants. In his introduction Wasserman outlines the context for the revolution, rebels' differing goals for land redistribution, and the resulting battles between rebel leaders and their generals. He also examines daily life and the conduct of the revolution, as well as its national and international legacy. The accompanying selected sources include political documents along with dozens of accounts from politicians and generals to male and female soldiers, civilians, and journalists. Collectively they offer insight into the reasons for fighting, the politics behind the war, and the revolution's international legacy. Document headnotes, a chronology, selected bibliography, and questions for consideration provide pedagogical support.

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'Professor Wasserman has assembled an outstanding collection of documents and a diverse set of historical figures that bring the Mexican Revolution to life.' - Evan Ward, Brigham Young University, USA

Mark Wasserman (Ph.D., University of Chicago) is a Professor of History at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. He teaches courses on the history of Latin America and its revolutions. Dr. Wasserman is the author of *Everyday Life and Politics in Nineteenth Century Mexico: Men, Women, and War*, *Persistent Oligarchs: Elites and Politics in Chihuahua, Mexico, 1910-1940*, and *Capitalists, Caciques, and Revolution: The Native Elite and Foreign Enterprise in Chihuahua, Mexico, 1854-1911*. He is also the co-author of *Latin America and Its People*, Second Edition, with Cheryl E. Martin, and *A History of Latin America*, Third Edition, with Benjamin Keen. He has previously served as President of the Council on Latin America History."

This addition to Bedford's Series in History and Culture is a magnificent one. Wasserman is a leading expert on the Mexican Revolution and has provided us with an excellent collection of primary and secondary documents on this important historical process. The introduction is brief, but what is best are the documents which will allow an undergraduate and graduate student alike understand the causes and effects of the world's first revolution of the 20th century.

The Mexican Revolution was always a subject of interest for me. This book is full of information. . . a concise and comprehensive outline of what Mexico went through. A must for those interested in Mexican history.

This history provides one of the best yet brief explanations and narratives of the revolution and translates the most important documents of the same.

I personally dislike history classes and the uninteresting way that information is presented. This book is short and simple on the Mexican revolution. Discusses motives, key players and key documents of the revolution, without losing the reader's interest.

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