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Grey House Publishing announces
Opinions Throughout History: The Environment

The Environment is the fifth volume in our new series, *Opinions Throughout History*. Each volume in the series is designed to follow the evolution of public opinion on a current and controversial topic that has changed throughout history. Each volume discusses both primary and secondary documents such as newspaper and magazine articles, speeches, court decisions and other legislation. Accompanied by expert commentary and analysis, this volume will guide the reader through the process of how each document affected the changing attitudes on this important issue of public interest.

This volume follows shifting public opinion on the environment. Historian-at-large Micah Issitt traces the path of how Americans think about the environment, with each chapter providing insightful commentary on a selected primary source. Drawing from the popular press, key court and legislative battles, scientific research, social activism and opinion polls, *Opinions Throughout History: The Environment* offers readers mixed sources of information woven together to highlight the overall momentum of developing public opinion around “green” thinking and environmental policy. As commercial and conservation forces compete to shape popular opinion on this, issue readers will see the constant tension between development of natural resources for human benefit and “leaving no trace” thinking in the natural world.

This volume includes a wide variety - **28 in all** - of primary and secondary sources, including opinion essays, editorials, speeches, journal articles, court cases and legislation. Topics covered include: the advent of the railroad and the Industrial Revolution; pollution laws and the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency; The Dust Bowl and the Pacific Garbage Patch as preventable disasters; severe weather; and much more. Documents are reprinted – entirely or excerpted – and supported by detailed narrative written by expert historian Micah Issitt. These important documents are the cornerstone of each chapter, which features:

- An informative **Introduction** that sets up the focus of the chapter, highlighting the primary source that is analyzed;

- A list of **Topics Covered** in the chapter;
- The **Primary Source Document**, clearly indicated and fully cited;
- Thoughtful **Analysis**, averaging 1,500 words – that digs into specific sections of the document;
- **Sidebars** that offer valuable background information;
- **Photos, cartoons, posters** to support the topic and provide fun and informative visuals;
- A **Conclusion** that summarizes the chapter and reiterates main points;
- **Discussion Questions** to help guide further conversation and debate about these current topics;
- **Works Used** to make additional research easy.

In addition, front matter of *Opinions Throughout History* includes a detailed **Timeline** of significant events that impacted policy and public opinion, and back matter includes an extensive **Historical Snapshot** that offers an interesting list of significant firsts - events, books, movies, legislation, trends – offering a snapshot of what was happening in the U.S. while public opinion was evolving – a **Glossary** of terms related to national security, and a **Bibliography**. A detailed **Index** closes the volume.

This exciting new series offers a wide range of insights into long-standing issues that Americans are most concerned about, and those that have encouraged vigorous debate among politicians and citizens at large. Using carefully chosen original documents that cover a wide time span, *Opinions Throughout History* weaves a thoughtful and easy-to-understand analysis of how public opinion is formed and evolves, starting the discussion at an historical, seminal moment, and ending with where we stand today.

This comprehensive, timely volume is a must for large public libraries, university libraries and social science departments, as well as high school libraries.

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