

# 1001 Events That Made America



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For some, patriotism means flags and parades, for others it's "my country right or wrong." But it's much more than that, and, as Alan Axelrod observes in this revealing review of our history, true patriotism is built on a bedrock of understanding of who we are as individuals and as a nation, of how our ideals and our democracy have evolved, and of what it really means to be an American. It's a challenge that calls for an open mind and a clear perspective on the people, events, and issues that shaped our society precisely what Alexrod provides.

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