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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—who we are as individuals and as a nation, how our ideals and our democracy have evolved, and 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—and that's just what 1001 Events That Made America provides.

This handy, informative chronology of key events in our history sweeps from 45,000 B.C., when the first intrepid Asians crossed the Bering land bridge to populate North America, to the 21st century, which finds us the richest and most powerful country in the world—a prodigious, panoramic journey marked out by more than 1,000 milestones and turning points, each explained in concise, lively detail. From Plymouth Rock to Pearl Harbor, from the Civil War to the Civil Rights movement, from George Washington to George W. Bush, we learn what happened, who was involved, and why

it's important.

Axelrod, author of the popular *What Every American Should Know About American History*, has a wonderful knack for capturing powerful ideas, towering figures, and definitive moments with a memorable turn of phrase, and by the time readers follow him step by step from our past to our present, they'll have come a long way towards a real and rewarding answer to the question: What is a patriot?

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