

**A GUIDE FOR THE TEACHING OF SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORY AND
ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH UNITED STATES HISTORY**

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Since the Guide was first published in 1989 and revised in 1991, interest in South Carolina history has mushroomed. This is in part due to the tremendously successful publication of Walter B. Edgar's South Carolina: A History, in 1998. This newly revised guide reflects the influence of that book. Also, individual chapter readings have been updated to include the current standard state history text, South Carolina: The History of an American State.

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This guide for the teaching of South Carolina history differs from previous guides in several ways. First, it is primarily a guide to South Carolina history with United States history included, where appropriate. And, it is arranged topically as well as chronologically to provide teachers with greater flexibility.

This guide is designed to make it easy for teachers to integrate material from South Carolina: A History, into their teaching. Chapter titles and topics are parallel to that book, and suggested readings from South Carolina: A History are included at the beginning of each section of additional readings, which follow the major topic headings.

Each topic is outlined in terms of South Carolina history. United States history entries are highlighted in bold print. Reading references are included for each topic. At the end of the guide is a bibliography of readings in South Carolina and United States history.

The 200 years of the state's history prior to 1877 are given more attention than the years that come after. This is not to say that more recent times, for example, early 20th century South Carolina, haven't been important. They have been, but in the scheme of national and state history their importance pales when compared to the period from pre-settlement through Reconstruction.

One way to gauge this for yourself is to take any standard United States history textbook and look for the number of entries under South Carolina. Prior to 1877, the entries are numerous, reflecting South Carolina's significance as one of the wealthiest colonies in the British Empire and one of the most politically active states in the new United States.

After 1877, it is rare to find any entries at all. There are entries for individual South Carolinians such as Bernard Baruch, James F. Byrnes, Benjamin R. Tillman, and J.

Strom Thurmond, but not for the state. This is an indication of the state's diminished role in United States history since 1877.

The understanding of South Carolina's role in our nation's history will help students of today better understand both South Carolina and United States history.

As this edition goes to press, many of the institutions of state government are being faced with challenges unlike any in recent memory. How these institutions developed and evolved over the course of three hundred years is an integral part of the history of South Carolina. Our state government, and indeed all of the Palmetto State of today is the product of our history. In order to understand South Carolina in 2003, it is necessary to understand the South Carolina of 1740, 1775, 1790, 1868, 1895 and 1963.

In South Carolina, the past is not merely prologue. It is with us still.

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