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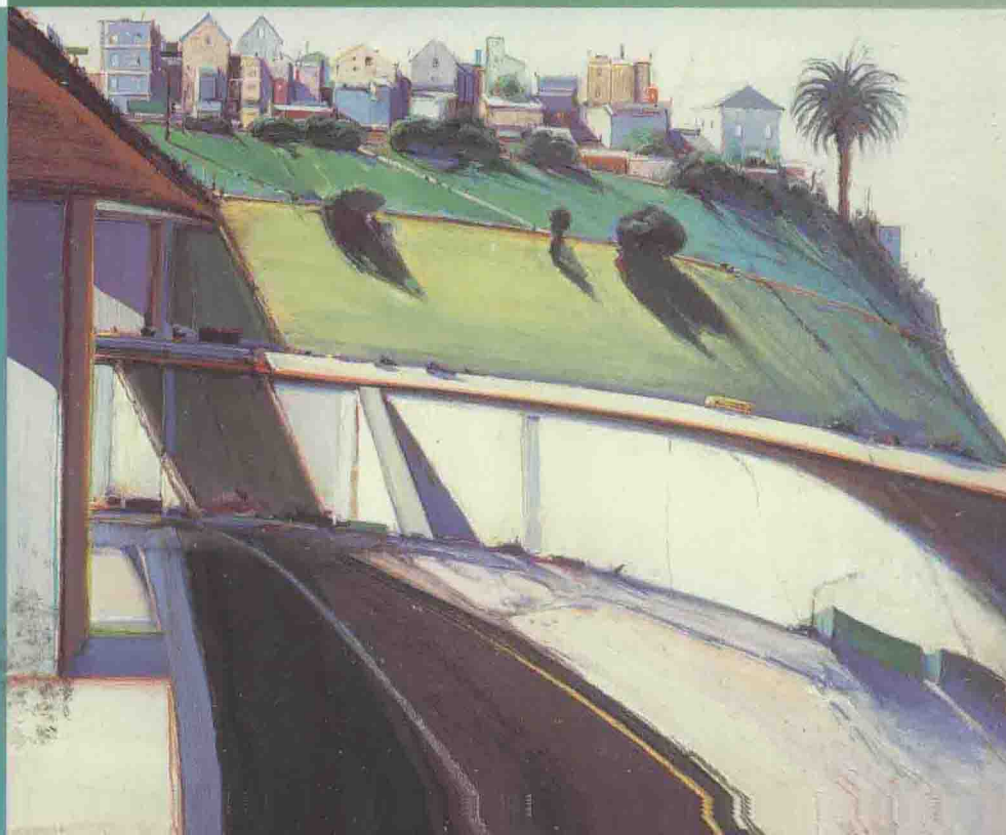
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Preface

In this new concise edition of *The Enduring Vision* we have tried to maintain the strengths of the previous edition—a strong narrative that interweaves political, diplomatic, and economic history with social, cultural, and environmental analysis in a brief but thorough text that reflects both traditional concerns and the cutting edge of contemporary historical research. We have tried to use a readable style throughout, eliminating the social science jargon that both instructors and students (quite correctly) dislike.

This concise edition of *The Enduring Vision* interweaves traditional and more recent approaches to the study of history. In addition to political, diplomatic, and economic history, for example, the book examines and integrates social history, cultural history, the histories of the diverse peoples who make up our pluralistic society, and environmental history. We have maintained a balance that reflects the best of both traditional and the new emphases in historical scholarship, a blend that will serve the modern student well.

Like its predecessor, this is not a “lite” version of American history. We have retained all the major topics and issues from the original text to make this a book suitable for any introductory United States history course at the freshman or sophomore level, whether in four-year colleges and universities or two-year community and junior colleges. With nearly 40 percent fewer pages than the longer book, this concise edition affords the instructor the opportunity to assign more outside readings for greater depth.

Throughout this third edition the reader will encounter substantial changes, changes meant to deepen, broaden, and clarify our discussion of major issues. For example, Chapters 2 and 3 have been extensively reordered to bring together diverse aspects

of early colonization and to strengthen the discussion of slavery and its transfer across the Atlantic. Other significant changes include greater discussion of the Taos pueblo and the Pueblo Revolt; British perspectives of the coming of the American Revolution; the rise of the Republican party; the Civil War in the Trans-Mississippi West; shifting attitudes toward the environment; fuller analysis of both Keynesianism and the roots of isolationist ideology; the Kennedy presidency; recent social and cultural trends such as mass marketing, mass entertainment, and the growing political clout of evangelical Christians; and the complexities and paradoxes of the first Clinton administration, the “Republican Revolution,” the new worlds of the post–Cold War era and the postindustrial economy, and the 1996 presidential election. Chronologies and suggested readings have been brought up to date as well.

This concise edition features a generous array of maps. Reproduced in two colors, they vividly establish the physical and spatial setting of American history, enabling the student to grasp both the immensity of the United States and of the North American continent and the complexities of Native American and European settlement of that continent. We chose photographs not only for their freshness and visual impact but also for their complementarity with the text. Clear, easily understood charts and other graphics round out the illustrations. Each chapter has an extensive chronology at the end to help the student to set events in historical context, and an extensive annotated bibliography of the works for further reading or research.

A wide range of ancillaries to aid both instructor and student is available with *The Enduring Vision*, Concise Third Edition. They include the *Instructor's Resource Manual with Test Items*, the *Study Guide with Map Exercises*, and a computerized test bank for

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