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Grade 5 Up. Intended to place the history of Native North American cultures into the context of world affairs, this book uses a split-page format, listing, side by side, benchmarks in both areas between 28,000 B.C. and late 1996. The juxtapositions point up a few intriguing parallels, such as the presence of pyramids on both sides of the Atlantic, but are in general more effective as a tool for helping students of history to think globally, and as a graphic way to link contemporaneous events on different continents. Nies lists incidents by year, not specifying exact days or months, focusing only on the indigenous cultures of Mexico and the continental U.S. (mentioning Captain Cook, for instance, only in connection with his claims on the Pacific Northwest) and is very selective of "outside" happenings?so much so that the "World History" column is occasionally blank for a page or more. On the other hand, the author's political, social, religious, and military analyses are lucid and specific, and she breaks the limitations of the format for longer boxed essays when necessary. Several maps and plenty of dark but revealing black-and-white photos enhance this eye-opening survey. A good choice for collections needing an economical alternative to A Chronology of Native North American History (Gale, 1994).?John Peters, New York Public Library

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#### **From the Publisher**

This book is a great resource for students and history buffs alike. It stands out from other books of its kind for several reasons:

First, it's a lot more accessible than lengthy historical 'tomes' that take hours to search through just to find a quick fact or piece of information. Because of the chronological way that it's organized and the concise, yet information-packed entries, it's easy to find exactly what you're looking for right off the bat.

Second, this book puts Native American history in context with other key events going on in the world, which gives the reader perspective on how events on both sides of the Atlantic influenced each other.

Lastly, it's totally comprehensive in scope. Whereas many books treat the subject with an ethnocentric approach and only cover events taking place after the Europeans set foot on American soil, this one goes all the way back to the very origins of these indigenous people around 28,000 B.C.--- truly ancient history! And it also covers events right up to modern times, highlighting the issues and concerns faced by today's Native Americans.

-----J. Rendon, Editorial Assistant

#### **From the Inside Flap**

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