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*To my husband, Tony, for your support
and encouragement ~ and letting me
“run” with this project...
And, for your contributions to this book.*

*To my mom and dad,
for always being there...
And always believing in me...*

AMERICANA ~

*Things American, collectively;
any collection of American literary
papers, sayings, or other data,
especially relating to American
history or traditions.*

CIVICS ~

*The study of the rights and duties
of citizens and of how government
works; a social science dealing with
the rights and duties of citizens.*

~from Webster's Dictionary

INTRODUCTION

Americana A Civics Handbook, Second Edition is new and improved, with changes and additions made to the book. As in the first, this edition presents a concise, chronological accounting, focusing on the early years of America. Included are narrative facts from Colonial times and the Revolutionary War era, leading up to the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. You can read the complete texts of both of these historic documents along with the Bill of Rights and Amendments to the Constitution. The book will provide you with your own personal copies of these important documents.

Additionally included is information about the Presidents, their party affiliation, years in office, age elected into office, Vice Presidents, and First Ladies. The Three Branches of Government and Electoral College are described. There are interesting facts about the Original Thirteen Colonies, the National Anthem, National Symbols, the fifty states, the Statue of Liberty, Mount Rushmore and more. A section of the book is dedicated to sketches and images originally from years past. Many are from old history books I've acquired and collected and many are provided via the courtesy of a historical website by Karen Hatzigeorgiou, www.ushistoryimages.com - found online.

In recent news, civics is getting more attention and is being required in educational systems and programs. It is helpful to know about the foundations and history of our country. Those applying to become U.S. citizens must pass a civics test as part of the naturalization process. Ask yourself...could you pass the test? Now in this Second Edition is the 100 Question Civics Test that must be passed for those seeking U.S. citizenship. There is a test without the answers, so you can see how you do the first time around. Then follows the test with the answers so you can grade yourself and/or study the material. The test is taken from the government website of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services :

<http://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learners/study-test/study-materials-civics-test/100-civics-questions-and-answers-mp3-audio-english-version>

Test yourself! See where you stand and what you might need to review. If this is new to you, enjoy the story of America...

American History is complex and rich. It would fill volumes. This book will give you a variety of information, here, in one place. For adventure and fun, this new edition also gives you lists of the many National Parks related to Colonial times and the American Revolution. Perhaps consider visiting one of these and broaden your understanding of our country's history. You can experience and see the actual places where American history occurred and unfolded. Depending on where you live and travel, there are also state and private historic sites that can deepen your understanding of America.

As a final note, knowledge is power...

I hope this book will enhance yours!