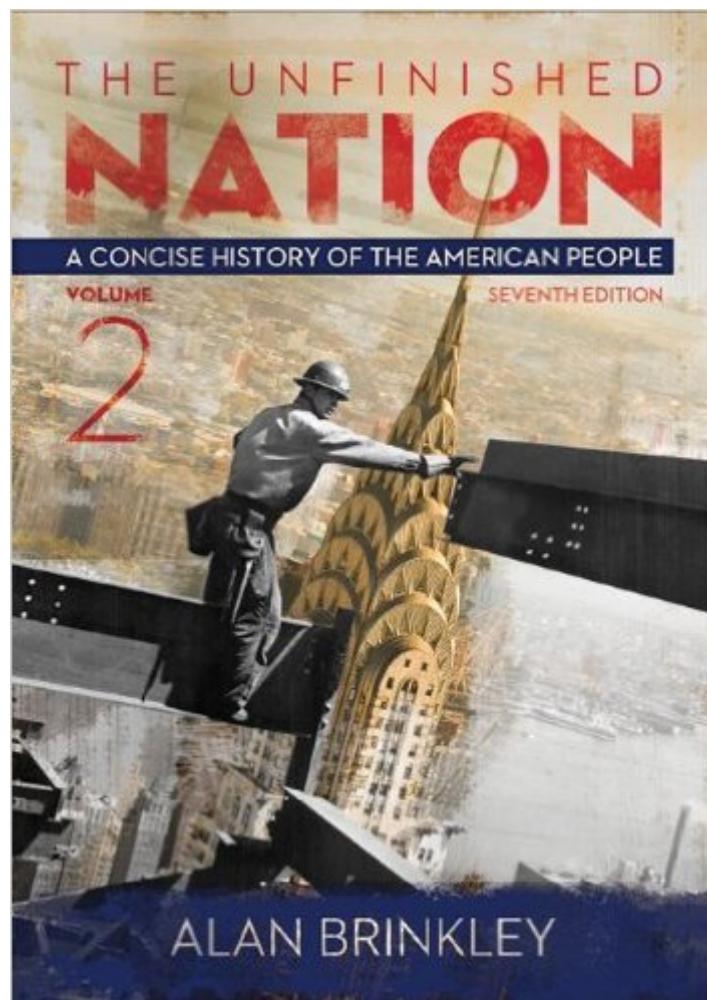


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"The Unfinished Nation: A Concise History of the American People, Sixth Edition" is book on American History written by Alan Brinkley, an American historian who has taught for over twenty years at Columbia University. The title The Unfinished Nation implies the remarkable diversity of America despite the many efforts to build a single nation. Throughout history, America is constantly changing and Brinkley captures the views of historians and allows the reader to develop their own conclusions based on facts. I was required to read this book for a U.S. History class. Originally not interested in history, I found the readings actually enjoyable, easy to understand, and complete with

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