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British imperial and American colonial history, as well as a source of information for those who teach them."
