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如何读懂美国?收集在《美国读本(英语版)》里的文本涵盖美国社会的各个方面,包括政治、文化、宗教、哲学、经济、文学、教育等,沿着历史的脉络,提供的不仅是历史文献,对于美国历史的形成和走向有过重要的影响,更是关于美国的理念和思想,读懂了它们也就读懂了美国是如何一路走到今天的。

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