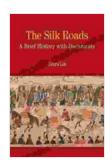
# Declaring Rights: A Brief History with Documents

The concept of declaring rights is a relatively recent one in human history. For most of human history, people lived under the rule of absolute monarchs or other authoritarian rulers who had the power to do whatever they wanted. There were no laws or institutions to protect people's rights.

The first major step towards declaring rights came with the Magna Carta, which was signed by King John of England in 1215. The Magna Carta limited the king's power and established certain rights for all Englishmen, including the right to a fair trial and the right to property.



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documents were written that declared the rights of people. These documents included the English Bill of Rights (1689), the American Declaration of Independence (1776), and the French Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen (1789).

These documents had a profound impact on the development of human rights around the world. They established the principle that all people are entitled to certain fundamental rights, regardless of their race, religion, or gender. These rights include the right to life, liberty, and property; the right to a fair trial; and the right to freedom of speech and religion.

In the 20th century, the concept of declaring rights was further expanded with the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) in 1948. The UDHR is a comprehensive document that sets out a wide range of rights for all people. These rights include the right to life, liberty, and security; the right to freedom of thought, expression, and religion; and the right to education and healthcare.

The UDHR has been adopted by over 100 countries and has had a major impact on the development of human rights law around the world. It has helped to establish the principle that all people are entitled to certain fundamental rights, regardless of where they live or what their circumstances are.

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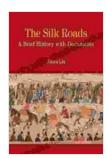
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- English Bill of Rights (1689)

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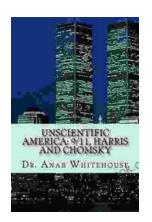
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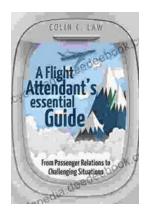
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