

Preface

History of Eritrea

From Ancient Times to Independence

An outline

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“The History of Eritrea: from Ancient Times to Independence” is an outline prepared for the teaching of Eritrean history to students at Warsay-Yikealo Secondary School (Sawa).

Initially, it was designed as a course manual for teachers and reference handout for students. However, realizing its usefulness as an introductory Eritrean history text, it is now being published as a textbook. It is mainly intended to benefit the youth in general and those in the Defense Forces and the Diaspora in particular.

A meticulously researched history of Eritrea, from ancient times to the present, has yet to be written. A huge national endeavor therefore awaits us to document our history through extensive interdisciplinary studies by Eritrean researchers, who need to increase in number and excel in quality. To this end, continued efforts are necessary to produce young scholars who can live up to this task. The authors of this introductory text hope this work will play a modest role in triggering an interest in Eritrean history.