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Anasazi: The Ancient Ones (25:00) ★ ★ ★

The mysteries of the Anasazi culture from America's southwest desert unfold through their myths and legends. Sun baked ruins, broken pottery shards, elaborate road systems, ceremonial great houses, and kivas weave an amazing tale of the spiritual life of this great Native-American culture. © 1997 Discovery Channel School

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Case of Abuse, A (27:00) ★ ★ ★

A Case of Abuse exposes the issues: How can victims protect themselves? What services are available? Why are abusers violent? How can they control themselves? What should friends and relatives do? What should the judicial response be - probation or jail? "A Case of Abuse" does not answer these difficult and often personal questions; it offers possibilities and points to areas of fruitful reflection and discussion. Michelle and Doug, now in their late teens or early twenties, dropped out of high school and married. Now the parents of one-year-old Tommy, things are not going well - Doug is trapped in a dead-end job. The video engages the viewer swiftly: An opening series of wedding and baby pictures ends in the starkness of a 9-1-1 call. © 1996 United Learning

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Culture Clash: New World Meets Old (55:31) ★ ★ ★ ★

The Hunt for Society (5 min.)—Traces the physical and cultural development of early humans—from hunter-gatherers to the first great civilizations. Mesoamerican Conflict (4 min.)—See how the Maya, Inca, and Aztec civilizations maintained their power through warfare. Peru's Past (5 min.)—Profiles the Inca, who overcame their environment to create great stone cities and an advanced civilization. Columbus: Secrets From the Grave (32 min.) —Examines the many myths surrounding the man credited with discovering the New World, separating truth from mere speculation. © 2005 Discovery Channel School

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Diversity: The World of Ethnic Man! (36:05) ★ ★ ★ ★

Some material may be considered sensitive. After hundreds of live performances nationwide, Teja Arboleda's critically acclaimed Ethnic Man! comes to video. Using Arboleda's powerful autobiography as a catalyst, Ethnic Man! seeks to help educators move their students beyond restrictive notions of multiculturalism into a greater understanding of people and their backgrounds. A fresh approach to teaching and learning, this program expresses the difficulty of coping with entrenched stereotypes, while affirming the joys of human experience. © 2000 United Learning

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Empires of Early Africa (55:29) ★ ★ ★

The Nile: Where Egypt Began (5 min.)—Examines the Nile's role in the birth and growth of Egyptian civilization. Nefertiti Resurrected (32 min.)—Investigates whether a recently discovered defaced and discarded mummy is the remains of the most-powerful woman of ancient Egypt. Sub-Saharan Survey (5 min.)—Treks through this region's history to examine how thriving gold and salt trades helped bring Islam to Africa. Islam Comes to Timbuktu (4 min.)—Looks at how Mansa Musa used his wealth and influence to turn this captured city into a center for Islamic learning. © 2005 Discovery Channel School

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Great Books: Freud's Interpretation of Dreams (27:00) ★ ★ ★

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Using a unique series of dream sequence reenactments based on Freud's revolutionary book, experts and artists escort viewers down the road of the unconscious and into a deeper understanding of the inner life of humans. © 1997 Discovery Channel School

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Great Books: Plato's Republic (27:00) ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Identified as the father of philosophy, the first feminist, a revolutionary, and the original idealist, Plato's concepts come to life through dramatizations of scenes from his writings and interviews with experts and scholars. © 1997 Discovery Channel School

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How to Study Cultures: How Social Organizations Define a Culture (22:06) ★ ★ ★

This lesson explores the influences of various social organizations on members of a culture. Students are presented with numerous examples of social organizations and their purpose within a culture. The lesson first explores socialization through family, work, religious, and educational groups. It also deals with different governmental and political philosophies adopted by a culture. Students are also shown ethnic groups' functions in a culture, and, in the case of immigration, how they allow cultural members the ability to retain ties to their heritage while assimilating into a new culture. Produced for United Learning by the Duncan Group. © 1997 United Learning

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LegalEASE: Program Six: Teen Parents: Who's Legally Responsible? (20:07) ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

This video educates students about legal ramifications and legal obligations of having children at an early age © 1999 Louisiana Public Broadcasting

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Maya: Messages in Stone (25:00) ★ ★ ★

The mysterious cities of the Maya - Tikal, Chichen Itza, and Palenque - are explored, focusing on the legends, history, and facts derived from the "rock records" left by the ancient Maya. Human sacrifice is explained through the Mayan religious beliefs. © 1997 Discovery Channel School

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Math and Culture: The Maya (31:15) ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The many achievements of the ancient Maya included a number system as sophisticated as our own. This base 20 system also included a value for zero, a remarkable mathematical achievement that occurred independently of Europe. © 2006 Discovery Channel School

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Mesoamerica: A History of Central America (55:19) ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The clash of civilizations in this episode brings you the history and culture of Mesoamerica. Discover the Aztec empire and its leader Moctezuma. Learn what prompted Europeans to look outward, and explore the Spanish conquests of the America. © 2006 Discovery Channel School

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NetFiles #302: Social Science/Cultures Applications (26:00) ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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Learn about Internet property. Find out the difference between domain names, top-level domains, and cybersquatters. See sites for the hard-to-find lesson plans, like physical education and preK-2, as well as some sites to help you teach civics. Visit two Net Classrooms and one virtual school. At St. Dorothy's School in Montreal, fourth-grade social studies covers Canada's cultural and native groups. A special web page was set up on their school's web site for students to have easy and constant access to developmentally appropriate links. Through this site, students learn about the various groups' geographical location, language, traditional dress, foods, housing, pastimes, and what these groups have passed on to them today. At the Pruden Center in Suffolk, Virginia, Betty Jo English has her students busy combining Internet research and desktop publishing for their United States Presidential Election Project. These vocational students are preparing for Decision 2000 by studying primaries, conventions, polls, and debates. And, finally, though the Hawaii Department of Education, we visit with a full time e school student on the island of Maui. © 2000 United Learning

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Power Builders: Leaders and Cities (55:31) ★ ★ ★

Trace the development of the world's great cities. Students consider the many factors that influence the rise of cities and civilizations around the world. Segments cover centuries of European and American history and ingenuity. This program includes one feature segment and three short segments. © 2004 Discovery Channel School

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Question of Race (1:00:00) ★ ★ ★ ★

Race is no longer an issue of black and white. But was it ever? Or were these labels manufactured to identify a subspecies that doesn't really exist? Become a part of the debate questioning whether race is an accurate biological identification or a subcategory made up by humans to separate us. © 2004 Discovery Channel School

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Techniques of Persuasion (12:44) ★ ★ ★

In this program, students will experience first-hand the elements used by political candidates in debate. Primary source footage from some of the great debates of the late 20th century is featured. Produced by the Commission on Presidential Debates. © 2004 Commission on Presidential Debates

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Technology and Society: When Machines Learned to Talk (30:00) ★ ★

Today, when every life seems to have its own soundtrack, it's hard to believe that we once could hear music only in live performances. "Technology and Society: When Machines Learned to Talk" introduces the remarkable inventors and innovations that brought a wealth of recorded entertainment and information to our everyday lives. After Edison proved that sound could be mechanically reproduced, an innovator, Eldridge R. Johnson, and his partner Emile Berliner developed a "talking machine" that paved the way for today's recording industry. They also incorporated a groundbreaking marketing strategy; the image of the little dog, Nipper, listening to "his master's voice" soon became one of the world's most recognizable logos. Talking machines introduced easily available entertainment and culture to America and the world – putting a skip in our step and a song in our hearts. This outstanding program traces the rise of this remarkable industry and clearly demonstrates the impact that technology's advances can have on society. © 2004 AIMS Multimedia

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Toward Civilization (54:00) ★ ★ ★

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Trace the development of human civilization from the earliest hunter-gatherers to the remarkable society of ancient Egypt. Four segments span the African plains, the mountains of Europe, and the Nile Delta: (1) Before We Ruled the Earth — Explores the lives of early prehistoric humans and the tools they used. (2) Out of Africa — Examines possible evidence in our genes that humans share a common ancestor. (3) Secrets of the Iceman — Tells the story of a 5,300-year-old body discovered in the Alps, including scientists' attempts to find out who this man was by recreating his final day. (4) The Nile: Where Egypt Began — Investigates the birth and growth of the Egyptian civilization along the banks of the river Nile. Through these examples, students learn how civilization developed and why it is crucial to the survival of humankind. © 2004 Discovery Channel School

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What is a Family? (no time) ★★
This K-General video contains 14 segments. © 100% Educational Videos