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Asia Pacific: Bangkok: Gridlock City (18:52) ★

In this program, learn about Bangkok, the capital of the ancient kingdom of Thailand. Here, as in all the big cities in the Asia Pacific region, the ups and downs of development lurch at breakneck speed. The traffic in this city has become almost unbearable. © 1997 Channel 4

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Asia Pacific: Korea: Microchip Miracle (19:04) no ratings yet

In this program, learn about Korea, which in 40 years has changed from a place where nearly everyone lived in the countryside to one where nearly everyone lives in a town or a city. The priorities have been to provide homes for everyone, and to modernise and build as fast as possible. Large, high tech Korean corporations are the major employers. © 1997 Channel 4

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Asia Pacific: Singapore: Hard Drive City (18:49) ★ ★ ★ ★

In this program, learn about Singapore, one of the largest sea ports in the world. © 1997 Channel 4

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Asia Pacific: The Philippines: Rice Against Time (18:58) ★ ★ ★ ★

In this program, learn about the Philippines, where rice farming is a continuing way of life for most people. © 1997 Channel 4

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Asia Pacific: Vietnam: Tourism Take-Off (19:05) ★ ★ ★

In this program, learn about Vietnam, one of the least developed Asian Pacific countries. Many aspects of daily life have been held back by decades of war of one kind or another. However, Vietnam is trying to build up its economy through the tourism industry. © 1997 Channel 4

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Asia's Expansion: Treasures and Travels (55:35) ★ ★ ★ ★

Explore the different regions in Asia and the treasures they have to offer. © 2005 Discovery Channel School

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Bali: Land of a Thousand Temples (25:00) ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

On the magical island paradise of Bali, religion and spirit blend themselves into all aspects of Balinese life. The Balinese spiritual beliefs are richly expressed through their arts. Delicate weavings, intricate carvings, vivid paintings, and imaginative dances are integral parts of Balinese life. © 1997 Discovery Channel School

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Bhutan: Land of the Thunder Dragon (25:00) ★ ★ ★

In this secluded Himalayan kingdom, Buddhism is not just a religion - it's a way of life. From fluttering prayer flags to the rhythmic spin of prayer wheels, worship to Lord Buddha permeates every aspect of life in Bhutan. © 1997 Discovery Channel School

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Burma: Triumph of the Spirit (25:00) ★ ★ ★

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Burma (Myanmar) is a devout Buddhist nation struggling to find its way in today's post-industrial world. This reclusive country, graced by golden pagodas and teak temples, is considered one of the last magical destinations in the Orient. The spiritual life of Burma is explored through its historical religious sites. © 1997 Discovery Channel School

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Cambodia: A Land in Transition (23:38) no ratings yet

This fascinating program looks at the history, traditions, customs, religion, and politics of Cambodia. Cambodians' love of color, flavors and music is evident in their foods, their cultural activities, even in the commonplace routines of daily life. "Cambodia: A Land in Transition" captures the drama and energy of a nation caught in the cycles of creation and destruction. © 2003 AIMS Multimedia

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Changing China: Farming North and South (19:19) ★ ★ ★

A day in the lives of two families farming in contrasting environments: differences in land ownership and farming practices, and responses to different climatic conditions and economic policies. © 1999 Channel 4

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Changing China: Forestry, Flooding and Farming (19:18) no ratings yet

Deforestation, reforestation and sustainable development high in the Yangtze Basin: the effects of changing policies and practices, and attempts to repair environmental damage. © 1999 Channel 4

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Changing China: The Three Gorges Dam (19:14) ★ ★ ★

The costs, benefits and risks of building the world's largest dam: reasons for development; predicted improvements and advantages; human and environmental costs. © 1999 Channel 4

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Changing China: Township Enterprises and Migration (19:19) no ratings yet

A study of the Beibei Shoe Company: changes in the structure of townships and communes, and patterns of industrial development and employment. © 1999 Channel 4

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Changing China: Urban Development in Shanghai (19:18) ★ ★ ★ ★

The regeneration of Pudong: China's response to the international market and the rapid development of financial and technological industries in the Asian economic corridor. © 1999 Channel 4

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Destiny Determined: Power and Ritual in Asia (54:00) ★ ★ ★

Learn about the history, culture, and people of China and Japan. Segments take students traveling across time and continents for a close-up look at these ancient nations. : (1) Behind the Great Wall — Explores the history of the Great Wall of China and the Dynasty of Qin Shi Huangdi. (2) Story of the Silk Road — Examines the history of the Silk Road, trade, and the Han Dynasty. (3) Secrets of the Samurai — Looks into the science and technology of Samurai sword making and the history of Japanese ritual. (4) Between Two Cultures: Japanese in America — Introduces Japanese students living in America and the problems they encounter in embracing two cultures. Through historical documentation and modern-day accounts, students learn how China and Japan have endured, changed, and established their roles in today's world. © 2004 Discovery Channel School

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Discovery Atlas: Australia Revealed Short Stories (23:36) ★ ★ ★

Australia is not one country but many, a land where 140 nationalities live side by side. Although 70 percent of the country is semiarid or desert, it also contains rich rain forests and one million animal species, many found nowhere else on Earth. Explore this colorful land of contrasts "down under." © 2006 Discovery Channel School

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Discovery Atlas: Brazil Revealed Short Stories (18:43) ★ ★ ★ ★

Brazil is an immense country with a vibrant population of diverse cultures. But its rich heritage was shaped as much by the land as the people who settled here. While some ways of life haven't changed much, urban life confronts Brazilians with a new set of challenges and new ways to celebrate. © 2006 Discovery Channel School

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Discovery Atlas: China Revealed: Short Stories (23:10) ★ ★ ★ ★

One-fifth of the world's population lives in China, yet many Westerners know little about its rich culture and history. From the martial art of kung fu to the everyday invention of paper, China has had a major influence on life throughout the world. © 2006 Discovery Channel School

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Discovery Atlas: Italy Revealed: Short Stories (1:00:00) ★ ★ ★ ★

Italy is a small country with a long past. The legacy of two and a half thousand years of history has left its indelible mark on art, architecture, and religious practices around the world. Today classic and contemporary influences blend to create a distinct culture that is unmistakably Italian. © 2006 Discovery Channel School

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European Tour: History and Tradition (51:35) ★ ★ ★

How did Europe's empires come to be? Students benefit from an interesting overview of European history, politics, and economics. Segments span the battlefields of France, the forests of Sweden, and the hills of Rome.: (1) Rome's Great Empire — Details how a collection of riverside farms grew into a mighty civilization. (2) Inside the Vatican — Visits the Pope's home, an independent city-state in the middle of Rome. (3) Emperor Napoleon — Portrays Napoleon Bonaparte, the self-proclaimed emperor who planned to build a European empire. (4) Land of Forests — Focuses on the timber industry in Sweden, which keeps the country's economy healthy. © 2004 Discovery Channel School

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Frontier, The (26:00) ★ ★ ★

Discover how two cultures, Native Americans and transplanted Europeans, clashed over gold and land to create a new balance of nature in the American frontier. © 1997 Discovery Channel School

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Geography of the World: Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands: Land & Resources (23:48) ★ ★ ★

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This program explains the landforms, climates, natural vegetation, and agricultural resources of Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. Australia is the world's smallest continent and is also a country, its interior is mostly flat and very dry and most cities are found along the coasts where there is enough rainfall to support forests and agriculture. New Zealand is a country made up of two large islands and several smaller ones. The Pacific Islands can be divided into those of Melanesia, those of Micronesia and those of Polynesia. © 0 Discovery Channel School

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Geography of the World: Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands: The People (24:50) ★ ★ ★

This beautifully photographed program explores the immigration of Europeans and peoples from other lands to Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands; how they brought their cultures and architecture with them. It also tells about the lifestyles and history of the aborigines and native islanders. In addition it shows how the people of the unique lands live today, their vocations and avocations. © 0 Discovery Channel School

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Greece: Isle of Revelation (25:00) ★ ★ ★

From the majestic Athenian Acropolis to the cloud-shrouded tip of Mount Olympus, Greek ruins dot an epic landscape. Greece was once home to a powerful pantheon of gods, but a new religion, a legacy of the historic visits of the Christian disciples John and Paul, shattered old myths and still shapes the faith of Greece today. © 1997 Discovery Channel School

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Haiti: Dance of the Spirit (25:00) ★ ★ ★

Dispelling the myths and preconceptions that surround the practice of Vodou, this provocative episode dramatically explores the truth and beauty of the mystical Haitian Vodou spiritually through fantastic dance and fire ceremonies. © 1997 Discovery Channel School

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How to Study Cultures: How Beliefs and Values Define a Culture (24:14) ★ ★ ★

The purpose of beliefs and values within a culture is examined in this lesson. Art, music, history, and religion are just a few elements that assist in shaping cultural beliefs and values. Students will learn of expanding cross-cultural interaction and how modern technology is changing cultures around the world. An understanding of cultural values is explored through historical footage combined with stunning contemporary images. Produced for United Learning by the Duncan Group. © 1997 United Learning

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How to Study Cultures: How Economic Activities Define a Culture (20:21) ★ ★

This lesson provides students with an understanding of how the economic activities of a culture influence other aspects of cultural behavior. Through the exploration of cultures as varied as Egypt to Norway, students are presented with examples and key points about a culture's economic activities throughout three primary types of production-service, industry, and agriculture. Students are shown how cultures use various economic systems to facilitate the trade of goods and services. Produced for United Learning by the Duncan Group. © 1997 United Learning

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How to Study Cultures: How Geography Defines a Culture (18:25) ★ ★ ★

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Students will discover how the geographical elements of topography, climate, and natural resources influence the people of any culture. This lesson provides definitions and examples of geographical influences on cultures, as varied as people thriving high in the Himalayan mountains or deep in the Australian outback. Students will discover that cultures are adaptable entities which utilize all elements of the world they inhabit. Produced for United Learning by the Duncan Group. © 1997 United Learning

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Laos: Past and Present (19:13) no ratings yet

This program looks at the culture and daily life in Laos, which, by western standards, is one of the poorest nations in the world. Laos has one of the lowest foreign debts in Asia. A gentle country, where the air is clean and nothing seems hurried, Laos presents a unique time warp of tranquility in an Asia that is constantly hustling to feed its ever-growing population. Deeply rooted in Buddhism, Laos has often been referred to as a poet's sanctuary. © 2003 AIMS Multimedia

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Mystic Lands: Australia: Dreamtime (25:00) ★ ★ ★

The legends, ceremonies, songs, dances, sacred beliefs, and aspects of everyday life of Australia's indigenous Aboriginal Anangu and Tiwi tribes are explored. These native people see the landscape as a living embodiment of the myths and stories of their creation - an age of legendary heroes call the "dreamtime." Produced for United Learning by the Duncan Group. © 1997 United Learning

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NetFiles #103: Multicultural/Holiday Celebrations Applications (26:00) ★ ★ ★

In this program, we visit several schools around the Hampton Roads Area to discover why and how the world celebrates some of its holidays. During Net Safety, the topic of filtering software is discussed. Net Classroom visits Judy Barnes from Nansemond Suffolk Academy and Ann Hollowell from West Point High School, each with a different way of looking at and discovering Day Of The Dead customs. Alene Kaufman from Hebrew Academy uses the Internet to help her students understand and research Hanukkah. Shelley Parks from Lafayette-Winona Middle School helps her students to study Christmas holiday customs in France. Anglea Goodloe from Ruffner Middle School helps her students to understand Kwanzaa through net research. © 1998 United Learning

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Peru: Kingdom in the Clouds (25:00) ★ ★ ★

Considered to be the most significant archaeological site on the South American continent, Machu Picchu was built and then abandoned by the Inca after only 100 years. The influence of the Inca spiritual beliefs on their lifestyle, architectural, and astronomical achievements is explored in the ruins of Machu Picchu and the spiritual centers of Peru's Sacred Valley, including Ollantaytambo and Pisac. © 1997 Discovery Channel School

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Taj Mahal: Heaven on Earth (25:00) ★ ★ ★

Located in Agra, India, the Taj Mahal is a complex of gardens, mosques, and minarets constructed as a tribute to Shah Jehan's wife, Mumtaz Mahal, after her death. In his grief, Shah Jehan vowed to build the most beautiful tomb that ever existed. The spiritual motivations behind the building of the Taj Mahal and the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri are highlighted. © 1997 Discovery Channel School

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Vietnam: Land of Diversity (25:00) no ratings yet

This fascinating program presents an intimate and candid look at the mosaic of lifestyles, culture, traditions, and religions found among the people of Vietnam. The story of the Vietnamese is one of determination, survival, and cultural integrity. From Hanoi to Saigon, this panoramic look at Vietnam's history, land, and people provides a wealth of material for inquiry and exploration. © 2003 AIMS Multimedia