In the Shadow of the Moon

2007 PG 109 minutes

David Sington and Christopher Riley's acclaimed documentary reveals the history of the Apollo space program through interviews with the brave astronauts who lived through a paradigm-shifting chapter in world history. Devoted to President John F. Kennedy's goal of sending a man to the moon, the NASA project pushed the envelope of what was humanly possible. But the program also experienced several failures, one of which resulted in tragedy.

Man on Wire

2008 PG-13 94 minutes

Philippe Petit captured the world's attention in 1974 when he successfully walked across a high wire between New York's Twin Towers. This Oscar winner for Best Documentary explores the preparations that went into the stunt as well as the event and its aftermath. Obsessed with the towers even before they were fully constructed, Petit sneaked into the buildings several times to determine the equipment he needed to accomplish his daring feat.

American Experience: Jonestown: The Life and Death of Peoples Temple

2006 NR 86 minutes

How could one man -- Peoples Temple leader Jim Jones -- persuade 900 people to commit mass suicide by drinking cyanide-laced Kool-Aid in the jungles of Guyana? This penetrating portrait of the demented preacher attempts to answer that question. Using never-before-seen footage and audio accounts of two Jonestown survivors, documentarian Stanley Nelson paints a chilling picture of a social experiment gone horribly awry.

When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts

2006 TV-MA 3 discs

Spike Lee commemorates the people of New Orleans with a four-hour epic documentary that not only recounts the events of late August 2005 but asks why they unfolded the way they did in the first place. Weaving interviews with news footage and amateur video, Lee uses the film to give meaningful voice to the people who were left behind. With a detached and unsentimental eye, he delivers a poignant account of a major moment in recent U.S. history.

National Geographic: Guns, Germs and Steel

2005 NR 2 discs / 3 episodes

After journeying to the four corners of the world to unearth the causes of inequality, Prof. Jared Diamond came up with a straightforward explanation: People's fortunes hinge on their geography and their contact with guns, germs and steel. Interlacing science, anthropology and historical reenactments, this insightful documentary based on Diamond's best-selling book brings to life his intriguing hypothesis.

Ancient Aliens

2009 NR 94 minutes
This startling documentary updates controversial author Erich von Daniken's (*Chariots of the Gods*) provocative theories about the role of extraterrestrial astronauts in the early development of human civilization. Surprising DNA evidence as well as fresh interpretations of archaeological discoveries from the ancient world support von Daniken's theory that humanity has evolved not in isolation, but with the aid of otherworldly travelers.

**America: The Story of Us**

2010 NR 3 discs / 12 episodes

Experience American history like never before with this television miniseries that highlights such momentous events as the arrival of the Pilgrims, the American Revolution, the Civil War and the incredible lunar landing. Narrated by Liev Schreiber, this comprehensive look into the true character of the United States and its people interweaves cutting-edge animation, insightful interviews and dramatic re-creations.

**New York**

1999 NR 8 discs

Hours of magnificent programming chronicle the history of New York City, from its beginning in 1609, through the turbulent years of change in the decades after World War II, to its present status as one of the planet's most important urban centers. Released in 1999 before the iconic Twin Towers were destroyed, this sweeping documentary series shows a New York that has since changed but that -- at its core -- never lost its spirit.

**Tesla: Master of Lightning**

2000 NR 90 minutes

Visionary inventor Nikola Tesla, the person truly responsible for developing AC power transmission and radio, is the focus of this scientifically accurate documentary, which is based on historical evidence gathered over several years. Through rare visual materials and autobiographical writings, the program sheds light on the often misunderstood genius who had no formal science training yet rivaled contemporaries such as Thomas Edison.

**The History Channel Presents: The War of 1812**

(First Invasion: The War of 1812)

2004 NR 2 discs

This absorbing series compiles an impressive roster of documentaries that illuminate the history-making 1812 battle between the United States and Great Britain, a war that at first appeared to be a lost cause. But with Andrew Jackson as America's leader, the country emerged victorious. Programs include "First Invasion: The War of 1812"; "The Battle of New Orleans"; and "The Ironclads." Also contains a detailed biography of Jackson.

**Rome: Engineering an Empire**

2005 NR 94 minutes

This fascinating History Channel documentary highlights the engineering feats involved in the construction of ancient Rome, reinforcing the adage that the city was hardly built in a day. Segments focus on the construction of the city's famed aqueducts and the
Baths of Caracalla, as well as landmarks such as Hadrian's Wall, Caesar's Bridge, the Coliseum and the Pantheon. Actor and art history buff Peter Weller (of Robocop fame) guest stars.

**Ken Burns: The Civil War**

1990 NR 5 discs / 9 episodes

This documentary masterpiece from Ken Burns depicts the strategies and action of famous Civil War battles, and relates the stories of generals, field soldiers, politicians, heroes and a beleaguered president. The Emmy-winning miniseries begins by looking at the factors that led to the firing on Fort Sumter, and covers specific notable battles, climaxing with Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender and Pres. Abraham Lincoln's assassination.

**The Endurance**

2000 G 97 minutes

In 1914, Sir Ernest Shackleton set sail on the *Endurance* with 27 men aboard, aiming to cross Antarctica. But when the vessel became stranded in frigid waters, the crew began a battle of the human spirit, testing the very limits of their strength. Miraculously, they succeeded, even capturing the experience in pictures and on film as they strove to overcome the debilitating setback. Liam Neeson narrates this gripping document of their ordeal.

**Ken Burns: The War**

2007 TV-PG 6 discs / 7 episodes

Documentarians Ken Burns and Lynn Novick bring the harrowing history of World War II to life through the personal accounts of a handful of participants from four "typical" American towns -- proving nothing was typical during this terrible time. Historical footage and photographs combine with realistic sound effects to create visceral scenes of the battles at Omaha Beach, Guadalcanal, Okinawa and more in this seven-part PBS presentation.

**One Day in September**

(Tag im September, Ein)

1999 R 94 minutes

In 1972, eight Palestinian terrorists interrupted the Munich Olympics by taking 11 Israeli athletes hostage. Michael Douglas narrates this Oscar-winning documentary about the siege and subsequent failed rescue attempt. The film features historical footage as well as new interviews with surviving terrorist Jamal Al-Gashey and various officials detailing how the German police botched the rescue operation, leading to the death of all 11 hostages.

**Salesman**

1968 NR 90 minutes

Before delivering Gimme Shelter, cinema verité filmmakers Charlotte Zwerin and brothers Albert and David Maysles hatched this culturally significant documentary examining the utterly American profession of the traveling salesman. The film follows four reps of the Mid-American Bible Company as they peddle gold-embossed versions of "the Word" to families with little interest in fancy scriptures, providing a searing portrait of life on the road.
Modern Marvels: The Manhattan Project

2002 NR 50 minutes

In a race against the Nazis to develop an atomic weapon, the United States assigned leading scientists to the Manhattan Project, an incredible scientific, engineering and manufacturing feat with everlasting global consequences. This program examines the project through government files, archival footage and accounts of surviving team members, including Gen. Paul Tibbets, pilot of the Enola Gay, and directors of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Endgame: Blueprint for Global Enslavement

2007 NR 174 minutes

Filmmaker Alex Jones details his theory that once the global elite have firmly cemented the "new world order," they'll hold onto their power by exterminating 80 percent of the population and enslaving the rest. Jones explores the faction's rumored plan to use advanced technology to live forever; the imminent collapse of the United States; the formation of the North American Transportation Control Grid; and the activities of the Bilderberg Group.

Loose Change 9/11: An American Coup

2009 NR 99 minutes

Informed by footage from Sept. 11, interviews with experts and new evidence, filmmaker Dylan Avery argues that the world hasn't heard the full truth behind the terrorist attacks and urges citizens to demand accountability from the U.S. government. In this provocative documentary, Avery also takes a sobering walk through other infamous historical events, such as the Vietnam War, and what role politicians have had in their creation.

Napoleon

2000 NR 240 minutes

This gripping PBS-produced offering charts the course of this larger-than-life emperor, from his birth on the island of Corsica to his eventual exile on another island, St. Helena. In between, of course, are his military exploits and achievements. Also examined are his undying love for his muse, Josephine, his marriage to an Austrian royal much younger than him and his impressive failure to conquer Russia in an ill-conceived invasion.

The Art of the Steal

2009 NR 101 minutes

A gripping tale of intrigue and mystery in the art world, this film traces the history of the Barnes collection of Post-Impressionist paintings, which was worth billions and became the subject of a power struggle after the 1951 death of the owner. Dr. Albert Barnes collected 181 Renoirs, 69 Cézannes, 59 Matisses, 46 Picassos and many other valuable paintings. But the political wrangling over the collection eventually led to its division.

The Revolution
(History Channel Presents: The Revolution)

2006 NR 4 discs / 13 episodes

Providing an intimate portrait of the men and women who shaped a nascent nation, this sweeping multipart documentary covers the period in which a group of upstart colonies transformed itself into an independent country. Featuring gripping reenactments of great battles and actors such as Kelsey Grammer reading the words of the American Revolution's key figures, the presentation also includes provocative political, military and economic analysis.

Hearts and Minds

1974 R 112 minutes

An Academy Award-winning documentary that casts a sharp eye toward the U.S. government's costly -- in terms of lives, budget and honor -- all-out effort during the Vietnam War. Director Peter Davis uses his own war footage, newsreels, presidential speeches and interviews with the likes of Robert Kennedy, Gen. William Westmoreland and Daniel Ellsberg to provide a compelling argument against war.

The Times of Harvey Milk

1984 UR 90 minutes

Harvey Fierstein narrates this documentary by Rob Epstein about San Francisco's most colorful -- and tragic -- political figure: Harvey Milk, a staunch fighter for gay rights who helped forge a presence for the city's gay community in city hall. Milk became the first openly gay member of San Francisco's combative city council. But his life, along with Mayor George Moscone's, was cut short by infamous fellow politico Dan White.

I'm Still Here

2008 NR 48 minutes

Zach Braff, Ryan Gosling, Kate Hudson, Brittany Murphy, Joaquin Phoenix and Elijah Wood lend their voices to this moving documentary with an original soundtrack by Moby that honors young people who suffered the horrors of the holocaust. Blending archival film footage and photos with firsthand accounts from the diaries of young Jews, the film re-creates the tumultuous emotional journeys of their collective experience.

Rome: Rise and Fall of an Empire

2008 NR 4 discs

Action-packed reenactments dramatize the story of the Roman Empire in this stunning History Channel documentary series, which traces Rome from its beginnings as a struggling republic through centuries of conquest and its eventual demise. Profiles of events and people such as Julius Caesar, Constantine the Great, the Barbarian Invasion and the Invasion of Britain reveal the legacy of the empire's dramatic rise and fall.

Friends of God: A Road Trip with Alexandra Pelosi

2006 TV-14 56 minutes
Filmmaker Alexandra Pelosi takes a remarkable journey across the heartland to uncover the religious, cultural and political beliefs of evangelical Christians, including Jerry Falwell, Ted Haggard and best-selling author Joel Osteen. Interviewing both leaders and rank-and-file believers and attending events such as a Christian wrestling match, Pelosi reveals a vibrant subculture whose convictions may surprise and possibly bewilder you.

**Simon Schama: The Power of Art**

2006 NR 3 discs

Renowned art historian Simon Schama explores the power and passion of art, examining eight of history's most influential works. Follow the progression of artistic vision through the ages, from 17th-century Europe to 1950s New York, with historical reenactments and Schama's trademark storytelling. The program features the in-depth stories behind works by Caravaggio, Bernini, Rembrandt, David, Turner, Van Gogh, Picasso and Rothko.

**WWII in HD**

2009 TV-14 3 discs / 10 episodes

The History Channel presents this epic documentary that chronicles the deeply personal stories of soldiers, sailors, journalists, nurses and others who served in the front lines of the European and Pacific theaters of World War II. Weaving hours of rare, pristinely restored color footage with diaries, interviews and other first-hand accounts, this series recounts the global sweep of the war as experienced by those who were there.

**4 Little Girls**

1997 NR 102 minutes

Director Spike Lee uses this feature-length documentary to tell the story of the 1963 bombing of an Alabama African-American church -- an event that took the lives of four young girls and became a pivotal moment in the civil rights struggle. Lee's film examines the crime and its perpetrators as well as the four young victims (as described by friends and families). It also includes interviews with noted civil rights activists and journalists.

**Ghosts of Rwanda: Frontline**

2004 NR 120 minutes

A decade after the genocide in which Hutu extremists killed some 800,000 Rwandans, PBS's Frontline series takes a hard look at how such an atrocity occurred through the lens of social, political and diplomatic factors. The program provides firsthand accounts of the situation through interviews with officials, relief workers, U.N. peacekeepers, diplomats and survivors, and explores whether a similar situation could occur again.

**The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers**

2009 NR 94 minutes

Revisit a pivotal point in American history in this documentary that chronicles Pentagon insider Daniel Ellsberg's daring endeavor to leak top-secret government papers that disclosed shocking truths about the Vietnam War and Nixon's presidency. Judith Ehrlich and Rick Goldsmith direct this absorbing, Oscar-nominated account that features compelling interviews with Ellsberg, retired New York Times editor Max Frankel and other key figures.
**Commanding Heights: The Battle for the World Economy**

2002 NR 3 discs


**Nanook of the North**

1922 NR 79 minutes

In what's considered the first documentary ever made, director Robert Flaherty's landmark film grippingly chronicles the often-brutal relationship between humans and nature's unforgiving elements. Over the course of a year, the movie's subjects -- Inuit Nanook and his family -- must hunt, fish and build an igloo to survive in the pristine but inhospitable environs of Canada's frigid Hudson Bay region.

**Teddy Roosevelt: An American Lion**

(TR: An American Lion)

2003 NR 2 discs

He was the living embodiment of the nation, a powerhouse politician whose straight-ahead style made him one of the most influential presidents in history. This documentary from the History Channel explores every aspect of Theodore Roosevelt's remarkable life and meteoric political ascent. Rare photos, interviews with descendants and reenactments reveal his vibrant family life, and political luminaries reflect on Roosevelt's legacy.

**Ghosts of the Abyss**

2003 PG 150 minutes

Academy Award-winning director James Cameron returns to the site of his greatest inspiration: the legendary wreck of the Titanic. Accompanied by a crew of historical experts, filmmakers and scientists, Cameron explores the wreckage inside and out. Cameron's friend and Titanic co-star Bill Paxton joins the director to demonstrate why this vessel, more than any other shipwreck, continues to intrigue the public.

**Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport**

2000 PG 117 minutes

Filmmaker Mark Jonathan Harris's Oscar-winning documentary tells the story of an underground railroad -- the Kindertransport -- that saved the lives of more than 10,000 Jewish children at the dawn of World War II. Through interviews and archival footage, the survivors movingly recount being taken from their families and sent to live with strangers in the relative safety of England. Judi Dench narrates.
**Angels & Demons: Decoded**

2009 NR 94 minutes

Sort out fact and fiction in this illuminating documentary, which reveals the truth behind the secret societies, religious conspiracies and hidden Roman symbols prominently featured in Dan Brown's novel *Angels & Demons*. In addition to leading symbologists, art historians and religious scholars, this program also includes footage from the best-selling book's movie adaptation and interviews with director Ron Howard and star Tom Hanks.

**The People Speak**

2009 TV-PG 106 minutes

Inspired by historian Howard Zinn's "A People's History of the United States," a slate of top performers takes the stage to recreate the voices of American history's most eloquent dissenters, many of whom are excluded from traditional history books. The words of slaves, authors, politicians, poets, protesters and others come to life, courtesy of a cast that includes Don Cheadle, Sean Penn, Sandra Oh, Marisa Tomei, Benjamin Bratt and many more.

**The Rape of Europa**

2007 NR 117 minutes

Joan Allen narrates this documentary that chronicles 12 years of the Nazis' pillaging works of art throughout Europe and the international effort to locate, protect and return millions of valuable treasures. The film traces the story of art lovers and everyday heroes who tried to thwart the looting Nazis and reveals how experts from Europe and the United States are working to recover priceless works of art missing or hidden for decades.

**The Weather Underground**

2002 UR 92 minutes

This sobering documentary about a group of 1960s "committed freedom fighters" known as the Weather Underground chronicles a global trend of revolution that sprang from the belief that not acting against violence is violence. A radical offshoot of the Students for a Democratic Society, the Weathermen didn't just march or sit in: They rioted and bombed -- not to change the American political scene but rather to destroy it.

**Sherman's March**

2007 NR 94 minutes

View one of history's most controversial military campaigns: Gen. William T. Sherman's infamous march through the South, which cut a swath of widespread devastation and brought an end to the Civil War. The documentary comes to life through personal accounts of soldiers, ordinary citizens and Sherman himself, thought to be one of the greatest military strategists ever. This program vividly captures his historic march to the sea.

**Trinity and Beyond: The Atomic Bomb Movie**

1995 NR 93 minutes
Using jaw-dropping footage that was previously classified by the U.S. government, this fascinating documentary compiled by special effects filmmaker Peter Kuran and narrated by William Shatner chronicles the development of the atomic hydrogen bomb. Highlights include an underwater detonation of an atomic bomb designed to test the effect of the blast on ships at sea, as well as an interview with nuclear weapons developer Edward Teller.

**Liberty! The American Revolution**

2004 NR 3 discs

This PBS production showcases the events that led up to the American War for Independence, in comprehensive and sequential order. No stone is left unturned, as everything from the Boston Tea Party to the approval of the U.S. Constitution is explored. The documentary combines narration, reenactments of events, interviews with academics and historians, actors' dramatic readings of letters and diaries written at the time and much more.

**I Have Never Forgotten You**

(I Have Never Forgotten You: The Life & Legacy of Simon Wiesenthal)

2006 PG-13 105 minutes

Oscar winner Nicole Kidman narrates this fascinating Tribeca Film Festival selection from documentarian Richard Trank, who relays the remarkable story of architect turned Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal. After losing nearly 90 family members in the Holocaust and surviving a German death camp, Wiesenthal volunteered to help the American War Crimes Unit track down war criminals on the lam and went on to find more than 1,000 of them.

**Declassified: Human Experimentation**

2008 NR 50 minutes

Pointing to pages upon pages of recently declassified material dating back to 1945, this unsettling History Channel documentary chronicles the U.S. government's often-secretive attempts to use humans as test subjects. Long concealed by claims of national security, the practice of human experimentation in America is now out in the open -- and open to debate. Is experimenting on humans without their knowledge ever justifiable?

**Nostradamus: 2012**

2009 NR 94 minutes

In this captivating History Channel documentary, filmmakers collaborate with noted scientists, professors and field experts to separate facts from fiction surrounding the fateful day of December 21, 2012. From the Egyptians to the Hopi Indians, the ancient Mayans to the Masonic Brotherhood, modern-day prognosticators to the doomsday legend Nostradamus, this date has long been prophesied as a date of global transformation.

**Nanking**

2007 R 90 minutes

Co-directors Bill Guttentag and Dan Sturman helm this Sundance selection chronicling the story of "the Rape of Nanking," a World War II-era tragedy in which more than 200,000 Chinese citizens were murdered and tens of thousands were raped at the hands of
Japanese soldiers. Woody Harrelson, Mariel Hemingway and Stephen Dorff portray some of the Westerners who rose to the occasion with quiet acts of heroism.

**Crips and Bloods: Made in America**

2008 NR 93 minutes

Through archival footage and first-person accounts from members of both factions, filmmaker Stacy Peralta's riveting documentary examines the culture of the infamous Los Angeles street gangs known as the Crips and the Bloods. Probing the deadly rivalry's genesis, Peralta explores the late 1960s conditions that have given rise to decades of bloodshed and heartache for generations of black Angelenos.

**White Light, Black Rain: The Destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki**

(White Light/Black Rain)

2007 TV-14 85 minutes

Filmed 60 years after the U.S. nuclear attacks on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, this documentary features interviews with atomic bomb survivors, who help shed light on the tragic events. Tens of thousands of people -- the overwhelming majority of whom were civilians -- perished in the bombings. Veteran filmmaker Steven Okazaki continues his tradition of carefully exploring the human side of difficult social issues.

**Lewis and Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery**

1997 NR 120 minutes

Sent by President Jefferson to find the fabled Northwest Passage, Lewis and Clark led the most courageous and important expedition in American history. It was the United States' first exploration of the West and one of the nation's most enduring adventures. Journey with them across a breath-taking landscape for an experience that explores the history -- and the promise -- of America.

**Titanic: The Complete Story**

1994 NR 2 discs

Featuring newsreel footage and filmed testimonials of survivors and historians, this award-winning documentary examines one of history's unforgettable tragedies, the sinking of the *Titanic* ocean liner, during which more than 1,500 lives were lost. The most complete chronicle of the *Titanic* disaster ever created, this History Channel special details the origins of the vessel, the ship's doomed voyage and its aftermath.

**Empires: The Medici, Godfathers of the Renaissance**

2003 NR 220 minutes

This installment of PBS's educational "Empires" series focuses on the Medici, one of European history's most influential merchant families and patrons to some of the greatest artists in the Italian Renaissance -- including Leonard da Vinci, Michelangelo and Raphael. Movers and shakers from the 14th century onward, the Medici used any means necessary, whether it be money or merciless tactics, to leave a lasting impression on art and science.
**Pray the Devil Back to Hell**

2008 NR 72 minutes

Director Gini Reticker and producer Abigail E. Disney's documentary tells the story of the thousands of Liberian women, both Christian and Muslim, who helped end the bloody civil war in 2003 that killed over 200,000 people. Through nonviolent protests, these brave women forced a resolution in the peace talks, and their efforts led to the election of Africa's first female head of state, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf.

**Ancient Discoveries**

2005 NR 2 discs

We think of solar energy, electricity, surgery and computers as modern inventions, but these and other technologies have their roots in the distant past, as evidenced in this fascinating program from The History Channel. Journey back in time to ancient civilizations to uncover the remarkable machines, weapons and vehicles created centuries ago, and learn how they affected the development of their modern counterparts.

**Thomas Jefferson**

1997 NR 180 minutes

The complex life of Thomas Jefferson, who wrote that "all men are created equal" yet owned slaves, is recounted by master filmmaker Ken Burns in this probing documentary. Covering Jefferson's diplomatic work in France, his two presidential terms, his retirement at Monticello and more, the absorbing biography features narration by Ossie Davis, Sam Waterston, Blythe Danner, Gwyneth Paltrow and other noted actors.

**Clash of the Gods**

2009 TV-PG 3 discs

Dive deep into the sacred realm of the ancients with this History Channel documentary series that recounts and examines the mythologies of Scandinavia, the Mediterranean and other lands, including tales of Greece's king of gods, Zeus. Revealing how these stories continue to shape Western thought and culture, the program also explores the trials of mighty Odysseus, the terrible fate of Medusa, and the legends of other gods, heroes and monsters.

**The True Story of Alexander the Great**

2005 NR 150 minutes

Considered the most successful warrior in recorded history, Alexander the Great conquered Asia by age 32. His innovative battle tactics remain a topic of endless fascination to scholars and military leaders. Actor Peter Woodward hosts this absorbing documentary that chronicles Alexander's life through ancient historians' narratives, interviews with contemporary scholars, state-of-the-art reenactments and tours of key historical sites.

**Sacco & Vanzetti**
Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were Italian anarchists accused of murder in 1920 and put to death in 1927 after a famously biased trial. The pair came to symbolize the bigotry directed toward immigrants and dissenters in America. Their struggle is retold in this probing documentary by Peter Miller. Actors John Turturro and Tony Shalhoub read the prison writings of Sacco and Vanzetti, while commentators include Arlo Guthrie and Studs Terkel.

**The Crusades: Crescent and the Cross**

2005 NR 180 minutes

Taking on the gargantuan task of chronicling two centuries of conflict, this fascinating documentary begins in 1096 A.D. -- the year Christian soldiers seized the city of Jerusalem from Muslim forces. The program follows the Crusades through the 13th century via a stunning blend of theatrical reenactments, computer-generated imagery and on-location footage. Produced by the History Channel, the show is thought provoking and educational.

**The Trials of Henry Kissinger**

2002 NR 80 minutes

This riveting documentary depicts former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger as a warmonger responsible for military cover-ups in Vietnam, Cambodia and East Timor, as well as the assassination of a Chilean leader in 1970. Based on a book by journalist Christopher Hitchens, the film includes interviews with historians, political analysts and such journalists as New York Times writer William Safire, a former Nixon speechwriter.

**Chicago 10**

2007 R 90 minutes

Blending archival footage with modern animation, this documentary examines the massive protests besetting the 1968 Chicago Democratic Convention, and the courtroom trial of several activists and participants in the aftermath. Among those featured are Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin, who were charged with inciting a riot. Mark Ruffalo, Hank Azaria and Nick Nolte provide voice-over work, and the soundtrack features Rage Against the Machine and Eminem.

**History's Mysteries: Amityville: The Haunting**

2006 NR 50 minutes

The History Channel's "History's Mysteries" series examines the real story behind one of the most popular horror books and movies of the 20th century. In the 1970s, the Lutz family moved into their dream house in the sleepy Long Island town of Amityville but soon became terrorized by ghosts and were forced to abandon their home. On-site investigations and interviews with the family uncover answers to the question: What really happened?

**Modern Marvels: Stealth Technology**

1997 NR 44 minutes

By virtue of their name, stealth fighters -- such as the F-117 or B-2 bomber -- were made to do their work undercover. How do they avoid being detected by radar? They're made up of some of the most technologically advanced materials and are designed to meet the
highest standards -- two factors that add up to a price tag of billions. This "Modern Marvels" episode interviews stealth experts and pilots to demystify the plane's enormous capabilities.

**American Experience: RFK**

2004 NR 120 minutes

Robert Francis Kennedy could very well have been president if his tragic murder hadn't intervened. This probing, perceptive biography reassesses the remarkable and tragic life of the third Kennedy son, the boy Joe Sr. called the "runt." Featuring extensive interviews with family members, friends, journalists, Washington insiders and civil rights activists, the film chronicles the pivotal role RFK played in many of the major events of the 1960s.

**American Experience: The Rockefellers**

2000 NR 210 minutes

The name is synonymous with immense American wealth. But with prosperity came a tarnished legacy. This edition of PBS's Emmy Award-winning documentary series chronicles four generations of Rockefellers. From the unethical business practices that built their huge oil empire to the struggle to reconcile the controversial profits with an unavering philanthropic commitment, it's a fascinating look at an influential family.

**Ulysses S. Grant: Warrior / President: American Experience**

2002 NR 213 minutes

Ulysses S. Grant was one of America's most paradoxical leaders. The greatest hero of the Civil War, Grant was a brilliant military strategist who rose from obscurity to George Washington's former rank. Propelled into the White House by his battlefield success, Grant lacked the political skills to deal with reconstructing the South and managing the nation's rapidly expanding economy, and his life after the White House was filled with disaster.

**National Geographic: Inside the Vatican**

2001 NR 90 minutes

Martin Sheen narrates National Geographic's behind-the-scenes peek into the inner workings of the Vatican, one of the most famous, yet mysterious, locales on Earth. With access into the private chapels and papal quarters, no stone is left unturned. For nearly 2,000 years, the Vatican has managed to remain mostly unchanged spiritually and physically as the world has endured repeated wars, famines and political upheavals.

**Russia: Land of the Tsars**

2003 NR 2 discs

Trace the history of Russian imperialism (which ended with the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution and Czar Nicholas II's murder) via footage from historic sites and museums and insightful commentary from some of the foremost scholars on Russian history. Hours of fascinating material are included and will tell you all there is to know about Russia's long history under the autocratic rule of the Tsars.

**Slavery and the Making of America**
This four-part PBS series chronicles American slavery, emphasizing its economic importance, examining how slaves from various cultures dealt with their environments, and uncovering the horrors that slaves experienced during the Civil War. With narration by Morgan Freeman, the program features interviews with expert scholars who offer fresh perspectives, and re-creations depict the true stories of individual slaves.

**The Dark Ages**

2007 NR 94 minutes

Beginning with Rome's fall in the fifth century, this History Channel presentation sheds light on the Dark Ages, covering the continent-wide chaos, including raids by Vikings, Vandals and Visigoths, bubonic plague, famine, civil unrest and more. The program takes viewers from the darkest of times to the dawn of a new beginning as the turmoil besieging Europe gives rise to the Crusades, the Enlightenment and the Renaissance.

**Life and Debt**

2001 NR 86 minutes

Director Stephanie Black's documentary examines how policies of the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and other aid organizations have altered the Jamaican economy over the past 25 years, leaving the locals to struggle in poverty. Author Jamaica Kincaid narrates passages from her book on the topic, *A Small Place*, with Belinda Becker to a reggae soundtrack that includes songs by Bob Marley, Ziggy Marley, Mutabaruka and Peter Tosh.

**Christmas Unwrapped: The History of Christmas**

2005 NR 60 minutes

Christmas abounds with traditions, from neighborhood carolers to lovingly decorated trees, but from where did all these rituals emerge? This enlightening program looks at the origins of the Western world's most popular Christmas traditions -- from the significance of December 25th and its relationship to winter solstice to the enchanting legend of Santa Claus and Prince Albert's 1841 unveiling of the Christmas tree.

**Tibet: Cry of the Snow Lion**

2003 UR 100 minutes

Ten years in the making, this feature-length documentary was filmed during nine remarkable journeys throughout Tibet, India and Nepal, chronicling the dark secrets of Tibet's recent past through interviews, personal stories and archival images. Martin Sheen narrates, and Susan Sarandon and Ed Harris provide voice-overs for this powerful film that takes viewers to the long-forbidden "rooftop of the world" with an unprecedented richness of imagery.

**The War Game / Culloden**

1966 NR 121 minutes

Peter Watkins presents a double bill of political, military films he produced for the BBC: The War Game, winner of the Best Documentary Oscar in 1966; and Culloden, a re-creation of the legendary battle between the Brits and the Scots in 1746. In the first
film, Watkins explores what would happen if nuclear war broke out and Russia attacked England during the Cold War. The second film shows the brutality of the Brits and includes mock interviews.

Crisis: Behind a Presidential Commitment

1963 NR 53 minutes

At once intimate and engaging, this documentary is the first and only film ever shot candidly as it follows a U.S. president (John F. Kennedy and his brother, Attorney General Bobby) making decisions during a crisis. With a revolutionary new filmmaking style that allowed for multiple hand-held cameras, documentarian Robert Drew and his four-team crew captured one of the most astonishing Civil Rights confrontations of the 20th century.

Eastern Philosophy

2002 NR 150 minutes

Exploring such themes as the nature of man, the existence of God, and good and evil, this informative program examines the birth of spiritual thought through the teachings of Hinduism, Confucianism, Shinto and Islam. Using on-location footage, authentic recreations and commentary from philosophy experts, the three-part series aims to investigate central questions and illuminate viewers with cultural and historical insight.

42 Ways to Kill Hitler

2008 NR 50 minutes

Adolph Hitler, whose infamous misdeeds made him one of the most hated men of the 20th century, was the target of more than 40 assassination attempts. This special examines the diverse group of would-be assassins and their respective plots. Featured are meticulous CGI recreations and the insights of historians and security specialists. Had any of these attempts on Hitler's life succeeded, experts can only theorize how history might have changed.

Sir! No Sir!

2005 NR 84 minutes

Filmmaker and activist David Zeiger's documentary chronicles the largely forgotten antiwar activities of American GIs and other members of the military during the Vietnam era -- actions that put them in greater peril than civilian protesters. Powerful and surprising, the film weaves together the stories of veterans who participated in the opposition movement, an effort that, by the early 1970s, found widespread support from civilians and troops alike.

In Search of History: The Greek Gods

2004 NR 50 minutes

From Aphrodite to Zeus, their exploits were recorded in stories passed down through the generations, and their images became the basis of some of the most beautiful artworks ever created. From their mythical home high atop Mount Olympus, the Greek gods were an integral part of everyday life. Explore the fascinating story of these enduring figures and hear from renowned classicists why the Greeks endowed their deities with such human failings.
Decoding the Past: Secrets of Kabbalah

2006 NR 50 minutes

Once the exclusive domain of ultrareligious male students of Judaism, the ancient philosophy of Kabbalah has found a peculiar resurgence recently among celebrities. This special traces Kabbalah from its ancient roots to its modern-day incarnation.

War of the Century

1999 NR 190 minutes

More than 30 million people were killed in the conflict in Eastern Europe during World War II; the battle between Nazism and Stalinism is examined in this four-part series filmed in Germany, Hungary, Poland, Russia, the Ukraine and Belorussia. Leading historians, eyewitness accounts and rare film archives help chronicle the battle for Moscow, from Hitler's early plans to the Red Army's 1942 victory and the final, brutal days of the conflict.

Ken Burns Presents: The West

1996 NR 5 discs

Historian and Oscar nominee Ken Burns and his talented team mine vintage photographs, music, maps, letters, newspapers and more to bring to life the struggles and challenges Americans faced in the 19th century as they embarked on westward expansion. It was a world full of possibilities for those willing to risk the dangers of this largely unknown territory, and both the successes and the failures are chronicled in this miniseries.

9/11

(9-11)

2002 NR 130 minutes

This heartfelt documentary was created by award-winning French filmmakers Jules and Gedeon Naudet, who simply set out to make a movie about a rookie NYC fireman and ended up filming the tragic event that changed our lives forever. The program includes additional footage and interviews with the heroic firefighters, rescue workers and the Naudet brothers, providing exclusive insight to their extraordinary firsthand experience of the day's events.

The Great Escape: Nova

2005 NR 60 minutes

This documentary tells the story of the daring World War II prison break that became a smash hit film starring Steve McQueen. During the war, the Allied POWs dug three escape tunnels (nicknamed "Tom," "Dick" and "Harry"). This installment of "Nova" follows a team of archaeologists on their hunt for the single surviving tunnel, "Dick," which the Germans never found. Accompanying the team is a group of three of the original escapees.

Anne Frank Remembered

1995 PG 117 minutes
Kenneth Branagh narrates this Oscar-winning documentary on the life of concentration camp victim -- and world-famous diarist -- Anne Frank. Glenn Close reads passages from Anne's diary against a backdrop of archival photos and family letters. Interviews with survivors (including Miep Gies, the protector of Anne's diary after she was led away by the Nazis) help illuminate this vivid portrait of an innocent girl entangled in a deadly maelstrom.

**Obsession: Radical Islam's War Against the West**

2006 NR 77 minutes

Featuring clips from Arab-world television and interviews with a range of personalities, including guerilla fighters and self-styled terrorists, this film chronicles the fanaticism arising in extremist wings of modern Islamic fundamentalist groups. In a documentary that is both provocative and unflinching, filmmakers Wayne Kopping and Raphael Shore explore topics such as "The Culture of Hatred," "Jihad in the West" and "Media of Terrorism."

**National Geographic: Beyond the Movie: The New World: Nightmare in Jamestown**

2005 NR 50 minutes

This fascinating educational program produced by National Geographic examines forensic and archeological evidence to chronicle the story of America's first colony in Jamestown, Va., which faced famine, cannibalism and pestilence. And thanks to historically accurate re-creations, it seems as if 1607 was only yesterday. Bonus material includes interactive maps detailing John Smith's real-life journeys in the New World.

**Triumph of the Nerds**

1996 NR 165 minutes

Robert X. Cringely's in-depth look -- via this 1996 PBS series -- examining the rise of Silicon Valley giants from nerd-dom to success is exacting in detail, providing an impressive history of personal computing. All three installments ("Impressing Their Friends," "Riding the Bear" and "Great Artists Steal") invite viewers into the lives of modern movers and shakers such as Microsoft's Bill Gates and Apple's Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak.

**War Made Easy: How Presidents and Pundits Keep Spinning Us to Death**

2007 NR 73 minutes

Based on Norman Solomon's revealing book and narrated by actor Sean Penn, this documentary exposes the government's and the media's purported history of deceiving the American people and leading the nation into war after war. Using archival footage of past presidents and media correspondents -- including the revered Walter Cronkite -- the film sheds light on propaganda and draws parallels between the Vietnam and Iraq wars.

**The Tuskegee Airmen: They Fought Two Wars**

2003 NR 60 minutes

The Tuskegee Airmen, the first African American military airmen, were known for their heroics during World War II. Away from the front, they fought a different battle -- one that was less bombastic but just as insidious: racism. These pioneering soldiers proved to America and the rest of the world that one's race has no bearing on one's ability to protect, serve and defend a nation. This PBS documentary recounts the challenges the men faced.
One Bright Shining Moment

2005 NR 125 minutes

Retracing presidential candidate George McGovern's unsuccessful run for office in 1972 -- despite his well-respected intellect and decency -- this political documentary interviews McGovern himself, as well as supporters and activists such as Gore Vidal, Gloria Steinem, Warren Beatty and Howard Zinn, to explore the volatility of the electoral process. A period-appropriate soundtrack features songs by Bob Dylan, Donovan and Elvis Costello.

The Bible's Buried Secrets: Nova

2008 NR 112 minutes

With contributions from a team of noted historians, archeologists and biblical scholars, this thought-provoking "Nova" documentary explores the history behind the creation of the Hebrew Bible, also known as the Old Testament. Drawing on more than 100 years of archeological discoveries and centuries of biblical examination, the program addresses many of the questions whose answers have long eluded the religious and scientific communities.

Hotel Terminus

(Hôtel Terminus; Hôtel Terminus: The Life and Times of Klaus Barbie)

1988 NR 267 minutes

Nazi Gestapo leader Klaus Barbie excelled at torture, earning him the epithet "the Butcher of Lyons." Through a series of interviews, this powerful Oscar-winning documentary explores the life of the infamous war criminal, beginning with his childhood and moving on to his career as an SS interrogator. After the war, Barbie spent 40 years in hiding, was eventually deported from Bolivia and, in 1987, stood trial for crimes against humanity.

Beyond the Movie: Troy

2004 NR 60 minutes

Designed to coincide with the big-screen theatrical release of Troy, this special from National Geographic features numerous historical experts as they shed light on the notorious ancient civilization. The bygone city exudes eerie signs of life through amazing and realistic dramatizations and reflective thought. Historians and casual fans alike will delight in this addition to the "Beyond the Movie" series.

The Madness of Henry the VIII

2006 NR 88 minutes

Experience the intriguing story of one of the world's most scandalous monarchs in this historical documentary from National Geographic. Expert commentary and historical records bring the Tudor king to life. Best known for his six marriages and "divorce" by execution, as well as for establishing the Church of England and separation of church and state, Henry VIII remains a fascinating figure with a reign mired in sexual and political intrigue.
The True Story of Charlie Wilson's War

2007 NR 94 minutes

Charlie Wilson was a Texas congressman who became part of an unbelievable stunt in which he helped funnel more than $300 million into a covert effort to fund Afghanistan's war against the Soviet Union. Going beyond the Hollywood dramatization Charlie Wilson's War, this eye-opening film details the whole shocking story of Wilson's involvement in the scheme, along with CIA agent Gust Avrakotos and socialite Joanne Herring.

The End of Poverty?

(Progress vs. Property)

2008 NR 106 minutes

Exploring the history of poverty in developing countries, filmmaker Philippe Diaz contends that today's economic inequities arose as a result of colonization, military conquest and slavery, with wealthier countries seizing the resources of the poor. Narrated by Martin Sheen, this absorbing documentary includes interviews with numerous historians, economists and sociologists who shed light on the ongoing conditions that contribute to poverty.

Fidel

(Fidel: The Untold Story)

2002 NR 91 minutes

This documentary by director Estela Bravo takes a look at the political and social impact the immensely powerful Cuban dictator Fidel Castro has had on the world during the 40-plus years he's been in power. Through interviews with politicians (Nelson Mandela, Arthur Schlesinger), friends (Gabriel Garcia Marquez), and other cultural experts (Alice Walker), Fidel's personality and work are explored and discussed.

Amandla! A Revolution in Four Part Harmony

2002 PG-13 108 minutes

The struggle to eradicate apartheid in South Africa has been chronicled over time, but no one has addressed the vital role music plays in this challenge. This documentary by Lee Hirsch recounts a fascinating and little-known part of South Africa's political history through archival footage, interviews and, of course, several mesmerizing musical performances.

The Great Depression

2009 NR 200 minutes

Revisit the Great Depression in this four-part series that chronicles the forces that drove the United States to the brink of economic ruin and the resilience that helped the country recover. The film examines the mass exodus from dust bowl farms, President Roosevelt's New Deal, the emergence of the popular media as a source of escapism, the building resentment of average Americans and how World War II hastened the end of the financial crisis.

National Geographic: Egypt Eternal: The Quest for Lost Tombs
2002 NR 60 minutes

National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Zahi Hawass -- an Egyptology specialist -- and French archaeologist Alain Zivie take you on an excursion to Egypt for a fascinating exploration of the tombs from the New Kingsom period. The documentary reveals several stunning archaeological finds, including the tombs of the mighty Tutankhamen and Ramses and the sprawling valley of the Golden Mummies.

History's Mysteries: The True Story of Braveheart

2000 NR 50 minutes

While Mel Gibson's sprawling Scottish epic Braveheart earned plenty of accolades from moviegoers (and from Oscar), the film's loose portrayal of historical events wasn't as popular among well-read scholars. This installment of A&E's "History's Mysteries" series dissects the truth -- and myth -- surrounding the legendary William Wallace, from his victory against King Edward I at Falkirk to his eventual execution in 1305.

Barbarians

2004 NR 2 discs

Bloodthirsty warriors who lived on the fringe of civilization, defied authority and terrorized the people of Europe, the Barbarians -- whose name still evokes images of cruelty and chaos -- led a much more complicated existence than many people know. This History Channel series chronicles the fascinating stories of the Vikings, the Goths, the Mongols and the Huns, tracing 1,000 years of conquest and adventure with extensive reenactments.

National Treasures: Signs & Symbols of the U.S. Founding Fathers

2005 NR 55 minutes

Join investigative mythologist and author William Henry as he explores the mysteries linked to the icons that America's founding fathers selected during the U.S. government's formation to epitomize their values, intentions and dreams. The eagle, the Liberty Bell, the all-seeing eye on U.S. currency: Do these symbols hold the keys to America's hidden legacy? This intriguing program offers some surprising answers.

The History Channel Presents: The American Revolution

1994 NR 5 discs

Kelsey Grammer ("Frasier") and Michael Learned ("The Waltons") lend their voices to this comprehensive chronicle of the American Revolution. Actors read the words of important figures, battle reenactments depict Bunker Hill and other skirmishes, and events from Benedict Arnold's treasonous acts to the signing of the Declaration of Independence are told through period images, rare archival material and commentary by renowned historians.

American Experience: My Lai

2010 NR 90 minutes

In this edition of the critically acclaimed "American Experience" series, Oscar-nominated filmmaker Barak Goodman reopens the investigation into the infamous My Lai massacre, a Vietnam War-era atrocity that killed more than 300 unarmed civilians.
Complemented by 400 hours of newly discovered audio recordings that shed light on what happened on the ground, Goodman's Emmy-nominated film includes first-person accounts from the participants and other eyewitnesses.

**Ben Franklin**

2005 NR 100 minutes

Benjamin Franklin was a true Renaissance man. An inventor, politician, writer and scientist, he comes alive in this riveting documentary narrated by actor Edward Herrmann that examines not only Franklin's achievements in the public arena but also the joys and sorrows he experienced in his personal life. Extras include the "Declaration of Independence" episode from the "Save Our History" program; a featurette on Franklin; and more.

**Hiroshima: BBC History of World War II**

2005 NR 90 minutes

This fascinating documentary recounts the world's first nuclear attack and examines the alarming repercussions. Covering a three-week period from the New Mexico test blast to dropping the bomb on Hiroshima, the program chronicles America's political gamble and the planning for the momentous event. Archival film, dramatizations and special effects take viewers aboard the Enola Gay and inside the exploding bomb.

**FDR: American Experience**

1994 NR 2 discs / 2 episodes

This four-part installment of the PBS show "American Experience" looks at how Franklin Delano Roosevelt's persona and policies shaped the modern presidency. Born into wealth, he became a hero to the American everyman with Depression-era reforms that made Roosevelt a pariah within his social class. But his gutsy battle against polio and unstinting wartime leadership ultimately earned him the admiration of people from all walks of life.

**Ken Burns' America: Huey Long**

1985 NR 88 minutes

The world of American politics has long been peopled with interesting characters -- but few of them have been more colorful than Huey P. Long. Award-winning documentary filmmaker Ken Burns captures the charisma that made Long the people's politician, the "Kingfish." This documentary explores Long's life as a child, his ascent to power and his assassination in 1935.

**Engineering an Empire**

2006 NR 4 discs

Traveling from one end of the world to the other, actor Peter Weller hosts this documentary series that examines the extraordinary feats of engineering and technology achieved by many ancient societies. Weller bears witness to the startling ingenuity and innovation of many of history's greatest civilizations. From Greece's Parthenon to the Great Wall of China, prepare to be awestruck by the magnificent accomplishments of our ancestors.
The Battle of the Bulge: World War II's Deadliest Battle

1994 NR 90 minutes

A must-see for World War II history buffs, this documentary melds first-person narratives, historical footage and modern interpretation to tell the story of the Nazi army's push through a thin line of American soldiers in the winter of 1944 and 1945. Army veterans and historians recount the Germans' surprise attack through thick fog into Belgium, which created a bulge in Allied lines and left more than 70,000 casualties in its path.

The Donner Party: American Experience

2000 NR 90 minutes

From the PBS series "American Experience" comes this documentary about a harrowing struggle for survival. Like many others with the pioneering spirit, the Donner party headed west for California in 1846, following their American Dream. Hitting difficult terrain and weather, they were forced into some of the most excruciating survival techniques known to man, and their name became synonymous with their hardship ... and their curse.

The History Channel Presents: Pearl Harbor

2000 NR 2 discs

With ample archival footage, detailed personal accounts by both American and Japanese forces and commentary from historians, The History Channel's documentary goes behind the headlines of this infamous first strike against the United States in 1941. Also included in this program on Pearl Harbor is a detailed look at Adm. Chester Nimitz, who was instrumental in rebuilding the destroyed United States Navy to fighting strength.

The Wonder of It All

2007 NR 84 minutes

Join Buzz Aldrin, Edgar Mitchell, Charles Duke, Eugene Cernan and other astronauts who have walked on the moon as they reflect upon their outer space training routines, historical missions, groundbreaking achievements, personal dreams and more. Featuring many rare photos from the astronauts' personal collections, this documentary also explores the huge impact space travel had on the heroes' families.

Return with Honor: American Experience

1999 NR 120 minutes

Oscar-winning filmmakers Freida Lee Mock and Terry Sanders present the stories of the brave American fighter pilots who were shot down over North Vietnam and survived torture, solitary confinement and other harrowing experiences as prisoners of war. Among other honored veterans, the documentary features Everett Alvarez, the first American pilot captured by the Vietnamese, who was held captive for eight-and-a-half years.

Modern Marvels: Computers

2000 NR 50 minutes
This look at the evolution of computers tracks their development from the days of the ENIAC to IBM's ASCI White, which is capable of performing 12 trillion calculations per second. See how Apple turned the computer into a household accessory. Also learn about advances that might lie ahead, as industry experts such as Steve Wozniak, the inventor of the original Apple, and futurist Ray Kurzweil add their unique insights.

Empires: Martin Luther

2002 NR 110 minutes

Rabble-rouser or secular saint? The man who revolutionized the Christian church in the 16th century and became the father of Protestantism was probably a little bit of both. This historical look at Martin Luther originally aired on British television (and on PBS in the United States) and serves as a wonderful educational primer of a fascinating religious epoch.

The Singing Revolution

2006 NR 97 minutes

James and Maureen Castle Tusty's moving documentary recounts Estonia's fight for independence from Soviet occupation, telling the remarkable story of the hundreds of thousands of protestors who gathered in public to voice their dissent through song. After 50 years of rule by the oppressive Soviet regime, the people of Estonia gave life to a grassroots movement for change by staging passionate rallies and singing forbidden patriotic songs.

The First World War: The Complete Series

2003 NR 4 discs

Even though it heralded the birth of modern warfare and engendered mass destruction on an unprecedented scale, the world's first great war rarely receives as much attention as the second. This definitive 10-part series narrated by Jonathan Lewis outlines and analyzes World War I military strategy to show why "the war to end all wars" simply didn't, prompting an even bloodier conflict less than 20 years later.

The Vikings: Nova

2000 NR 105 minutes

While they're often portrayed in movies and history books as horned-helmeted barbarians, this fascinating installment of "Nova" reveals the Vikings to have been more civilized than we give them credit for. Startling new research from historians indicates that the 8th century Norsemen were, in fact, also shrewd merchants, accomplished artisans and superbly creative when it came to feats of nautical engineering.

WWII: The Lost Color Archives

2000 NR 2 discs

Determined researchers scoured the world for color film shot during World War II and unearthed shots of Nazi rallies honoring Adolf Hitler, combat footage from across Europe and the Pacific, and scenes of liberated concentration-camp prisoners. The crisp color images bring vivid life to historical events typically conveyed in the distancing shades of black and white. Journalist Roger Mudd introduces each episode of this History Channel series.
Modern Marvels: Disney World

2006 NR 100 minutes

Get a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the amazing engineering and ingenious technology that produced the 27,000-acre complex of Orlando's Walt Disney World -- the world's most visited theme park. It's also the world's most technologically advanced, boasting lifelike animatronics, a network of underground tunnels connecting the various regions of the park, and space-age propulsion technology called linear synchronous motors.

Congo: White King, Red Rubber, Black Death

2004 NR 84 minutes

By re-creating King Leopold II of Belgium's brutal 19th century colonization of the Congo with modern-day actors, filmmaker Peter Bate presents a tragic chapter of European history that's been largely forgotten. In the process of harvesting rubber from a vast forced labor camp nestled in the region -- ruled with an iron fist by His Majesty himself -- millions of innocent Africans would die for the sake of profit.

Greeks: Crucible of Civilization

2000 NR 165 minutes

Tackling a subject no less daunting than the beginning of Western civilization, this PBS-produced TV documentary examines ancient Greece from 500 B.C. through the destruction of the empire. Through dramatic reenactments, interviews with prominent scholars and footage of architecture and artifacts, this Liam Neeson-narrated program brings the ancients back to life, providing insight into how Greek philosophy has transformed modern civilization.

Spine Tingler! The William Castle Story

2007 NR 82 minutes

This documentary celebrates the work of independent horror movie producer William Castle, who marketed his 1950s-era films with gimmicks such as giving audience members life insurance vouchers in case the movie frightened them to death. Featuring interviews with director Roger Corman and other colleagues of the gleefully shameless promoter, this tribute from filmmaker Jeffrey Schwarz also examines Castle's later mainstream career.

Regret to Inform

1998 NR 72 minutes

Venturing to Vietnam 20 years after her husband's death, filmmaker Barbara Sonneborn finds a landscape filled with the psychological remnants of war in this film about the common ground shared by widows on both sides of the conflict. Filled with archival footage, breathtaking visions of modern Vietnam and tragic stories from American and Vietnamese women who lost their husbands to war, this Oscar-nominated documentary details an unforgettable journey.

My Architect: A Son's Journey
Documentarian Nathaniel Kahn examines the life and career of his father, architect Louis I. Kahn (1901-1974), whose work included the Salk Institute and the Parliament and Capitol Buildings in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Among other surprising facts, the Oscar-nominated film reveals that the elder Kahn died of a heart attack in a Penn Station bathroom, unidentified and broke despite having been one of the century's most influential visionaries.

**Chisholm '72: Unbought and Unbossed**

2004 NR 76 minutes

Brooklyn-based Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm represented a series of firsts: She was the first African-American woman elected to Congress and the first black person and woman to run a serious, high-profile campaign in the U.S. presidential primary. She made further history when she vied for the presidency in 1972. And while her inspiring journey would have made headlines today, it was virtually ignored by the mainstream media at the time.

**The Fight: American Experience**

2004 UR 90 minutes

It was more than just a fight between two talented pugilists when German champion Max Schmeling (a personal favorite of Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler) and American heavyweight champion "Brown Bomber" Joe Louis traded blows in a boxing match on June 22, 1938. To some, it was the Nazi racial theory of Aryan supremacy (a white man fighting a black man) put to the supreme test; to others, it was fascism vs. democracy.

**The Buddha**

(The Buddha: The Story of Siddhartha)

2010 NR 120 minutes

Through a visual tapestry of evocative paintings and sculptures, this compelling Emmy-nominated documentary from filmmaker David Grubin explores the life of the Buddha, his quest for serenity and his eventual enlightenment. Insightful interviews with contemporary Buddhists, including the Dalai Lama and Pulitzer Prize-winning poet W.S. Merwin, shed light on Buddhism and its relevance today. Richard Gere narrates.

**The True Story of Hannibal**

2008 NR 100 minutes

Known for his epic defeat of the Romans after a famous trek through the Alps that saw the Carthaginian general leading his troops on the backs of elephants, Hannibal is regarded as one of history's greatest military minds. Drawing on the expertise of historians, military experts and archaeologists, this incisive feature chronicles the life of the great war strategist, from his swift rise to prominence to his ultimate defeat in 203 BC.

**The History Channel Presents: The Alamo**

2003 NR 2 discs
In March 1836, after a brutal 13-day siege, a 5,000-man Mexican army overwhelmed the few defenders of a broken-down Spanish mission in San Antonio called the Alamo. These documentaries try to separate the myth from the reality of that famous battle.

**Modern Marvels: Baseball Parks**

1999 NR 50 minutes

This all-American installment of the History Channel's "Modern Marvels" series tells the story of the nation's baseball parks, from the sandlots and wooden ballparks of the 19th century to the monolithic stadiums of today. Archival footage and interviews with baseball historians reveal how the concept of the baseball park was born and how the traditions we now treasure -- including the all-important hot dog -- came to light.

**Core Physics: Modern Physics**

2007 NR 30 minutes

Learn everything you need to know about modern physics with this comprehensive course. The program examines the discoveries and laws developed after the Industrial Revolution, when new paradigms arose to explain the universe. Topics include the discovery of the electron, the principle of quantum physics, chaos theory, Einstein's theories of special and general relativity, wave-particle duality and the uncertainty principle, quarks and more.

**Genocide**

1981 NR 83 minutes

This 1981 Oscar-winning documentary tells the chilling, unforgettable story of the millions of men, women and children who were caught up in Hitler's World War II reign of terror. Narrated by Elizabeth Taylor and Orson Welles, the film introduces us to members of Europe's thriving pre-war Jewish community who would later fall victim to the Holocaust -- from children who never saw adulthood to heroes who resisted until the bitter end.

**Israel: Birth of a Nation**

1997 NR 100 minutes

Author Sir Martin Gilbert hosts this account of Israel's first years as an independent nation. On May 14, 1948, one day after Israel declared sovereignty, the nation was invaded by Lebanon, Syria, Transjordan, Egypt and Iraq. Through rare footage, photographs and interviews with those who participated in the War of Independence, this program chronicles the struggles -- and captures the harsh realities -- of a fledgling nation at war.

**Occult History of the 3rd Reich #2: The SS Blood & Soil**

1998 NR 55 minutes

The Nazis were famous for their ruthless and sinister ambitions; part 2 of this provocative series explores an even darker side of the fascist regime: the Schutzstaffel, aka the SS -- an elite, semireligious order first created to guard Adolf Hitler. From its roots in the occult and German mysticism, the SS evolved into a racial oligarchy, deeming itself ordained to subjugate all other races and to engineer ethnic "cleansing" through eradication.
Occult History of the 3rd Reich #1: Enigma of the Swastika

1998 NR 50 minutes

With the intense pageantry and Gothic symbolism that surrounded the worship of military power and spiritual purity, the "armed cross" became the cornerstone of Aryan mythology. The first in a three-part series of documentaries examining the link between the Third Reich and the occult, this installment traces the swastika's roots to religious practices in India and Tibet, and explains how the Nazi Party co-opted the symbol.

The Battle of Midway

1942 NR 50 minutes

Acclaimed director John Ford shot this 1943 Oscar-winning documentary while serving in World War II. Narrated by actors including Henry Fonda, Ford's film captures Japanese fighter planes attacking the U.S. outpost. Ford keeps the film rolling during the intense battle, even as he's injured (he was later awarded the Purple Heart). A dramatic scene captures marines raising the American flag in victory -- an historic moment in U.S. history.

Russian Revolution in Color

2007 NR 90 minutes

The Russian Revolution brought about the end of the reign of the czars and saw the rise of communism. This compilation of rarely seen color and colorized footage brings the reality of the civil war vividly to life. Noted historians offer their insights on these events that occurred nearly a century ago, events that paved the way for the formation of the Soviet Union and still resonate today.

Operation Valkyrie: The Stauffenberg Plot to Kill Hitler

2008 NR 76 minutes

Produced in collaboration with the German resistance organization Forschungsgemeinschaft 20 Juli 1944, this fascinating documentary recounts the story behind the plot led by Claus von Stauffenberg to assassinate Adolf Hitler in 1944. Combining expert interviews, dramatizations and even home movies shot by Hitler's girlfriend, Eva Braun, the program offers a definitive account of the events surrounding this captivating chapter from World War II.

National Geographic: MegaStructures

2005 NR 2 discs

National Geographic takes you on a tour of some of the most complex buildings and machines ever built. First, explore the C5 Galaxy, a megaplane that stands six stories tall and is as long as a football field. Next, follow the entire process of building an epic-scale casino. Then, check out the massive earth-moving machines of the Ekati diamond mine. Finally, travel to the Netherlands' Super Port, which receives some of the world's largest ships.

Victory at Sea

1952 NR 4 discs
Leonard Graves narrates this gripping 26-part documentary, which debuted in 1952, about World War II and how it was waged from all fronts -- on the ground, from the skies and, most of all, on the sea. Extensive black-and-white footage of the battles and remarkably balanced commentary take viewers right to the front lines.

The Hunt for John Wilkes Booth

2007 NR 94 minutes

Discover the whole shocking story behind the search for the man who shot President Abraham Lincoln. For nearly two weeks after the shooting at Ford's Theatre, John Wilkes Booth was hunted by more than 10,000 troops and lawmen. Through dramatic reenactments, this film details the assassin's escape, his twisted original plan of murder and the explosive showdown that ended one of biggest manhunts in history.

The Lost Tomb of Jesus

2007 NR 105 minutes

In this fascinating Discovery Channel documentary, researchers in Jerusalem reveal that 10 limestone boxes covered with Gospel inscriptions and found in an ancient tomb may hold the earthly remains of Jesus and his family. Has Jesus of Nazareth's final resting place been discovered? The program evaluates clues from biblical texts and scientific tools and includes re-creations of important events in Jesus's life and death.

Ken Burns' America: The Shakers

1985 NR 60 minutes

Acclaimed documentary filmmaker Ken Burns directs this look at the unique religion and the peaceful and productive pastimes the Shakers practice on a daily basis. In this engrossing exploration of a little-known part of American culture, Burns brings to life the history, politics, and dynamic personalities that made the Shaker phenomenon possible -- and that make it symbolic of all that America is and was.

A Grin Without a Cat

(Le Fond de l'Air Est Rouge)

1977 NR 180 minutes

Filmmaker Chris Marker charts the tumultuous political upheaval and power struggles of the 1960s and '70s in this moving-picture essay that was first released in 1977, then restored and revised by Marker 15 years later. Segments focus on Vietnam, the Watergate hearings, Che Guevara's death, the overthrow of Salvador Allende and the Soviet invasion of Prague -- collectively described by Marker as "scenes of the Third World War."

The Wonderful, Horrible Life of Leni Riefenstahl

1993 NR 188 minutes

By directing propaganda films such as Triumph of the Will for Adolf Hitler and his Nazi party, Leni Riefenstahl became one of the most controversial filmmakers of all time. This engrossing documentary explores her legacy and association with Hitler. Riefenstahl,
who at various points in her life was also a dancer, actress and photographer, defends herself and her actions, making no apology for her glorification of the loathsome German leader.

**Journey of Man**

2002 NR 120 minutes

The origins of humankind are put under the microscope of this riveting PBS documentary film in which geneticists, historians, anthropologists and other theorists try to trace the beginnings of the human race. Could the seed, in fact, have begun with a man in Africa who roamed the Earth tens of thousands of years ago? Or have scientists merely found yet another descendant of a prehistoric predecessor?

**Easy Riders, Raging Bulls**

2003 UR 118 minutes

Based on former *Premiere Magazine* writer Peter Biskind's best-seller about moviemaking during the tumultuous, golden era of the 1970s, this film offers insightful comments from many of the luminaries who did their best work during that decade. Included among the high points are the scandals that rocked so many careers. Narrated by William H. Macy, with comments from Martin Scorsese, Ellen Burstyn, Richard Dreyfuss and many others.

**The Sixth Side of the Pentagon / The Embassy**

(The Sixth Face of the Pentagon / La Sixieme face du pentagone)

1967 NR 47 minutes

With the first half of this double feature, cinema pioneer Chris Marker collaborates with filmmaker Francois Reichenbach to document the 1967 Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam protest in Washington, D.C. Then, in "The Embassy," a reel of found footage chronicles the experience of a group of students, politicians and leftist activists who have taken refuge in an unidentified embassy in the wake of fascist military coup.

**Decisive Battles of the Ancient World**

2006 NR 3 discs

This History Channel collection provides detailed accounts and re-creations of the ancient battles that changed the course of history, with commentary from archaeologists, military historians and other experts. From Cannae to Gaugamela, get inside the minds of leaders and fighters like Attila the Hun, Hannibal, Julius Caesar, Spartacus, Herman the German, Ramses II, Boudicca, Crassus and many others.

**Ever Again**

2006 NR 74 minutes

Kevin Costner narrates this disconcerting documentary tracing the contemporary rise of anti-Semitism in Europe. Examining the link between increasing violence against Jews and global terrorism, filmmaker Richard Trank delves into the world of radical Muslims, pro-Palestinian political leaders with anti-Israeli agendas and proselytizing right-wing skinhead groups. Interviews with numerous experts shed light on this troubling topic.
National Geographic: Nefertiti and the Lost Dynasty

2007 NR 52 minutes

Emmy Award-winning actress Alfre Woodard narrates this revealing documentary from National Geographic that examines the 3,000-year-old mystery surrounding the disappearance of one of history's most indelible figures: Egypt's Queen Nefertiti. Using the top of the line in high-tech CT technology, forensics expert Dr. Zahi Hawass sifts through clues about a pair of unidentified mummies to determine if either of them is the long-lost queen.

El Che: Investigating a Legend

2003 NR 150 minutes

Although he is lionized by some and condemned by others, one thing can be said for certain about Marxist revolutionary Che Guevara: His legend has only grown since his death. Painting a portrait of the man behind the myth, this program seeks to separate the fiction from the facts of his life. Extras include the bonus documentary Tracing Che, which re-creates Guevara's legendary road trip across South America on the back of a Norton motorcycle.

The History Channel Presents: Julius Caesar's Rome

2005 NR 2 discs

This six-part series -- part documentary and part drama -- delves into Roman times, specifically during the reign of one of the greatest historical figures to have graced the pages of history books: Julius Caesar. During his reign, Caesar built his empire from the ground up, motivated by a deep-seated hunger for power and supremacy. But the road to the top was littered with tragedy and betrayal of epic proportions for the great leader.

National Geographic: Into the Great Pyramid

2002 NR 90 minutes

Past and present collide in this powerful documentary featuring the findings of the National Geographic Expedition team and their robots as they explore these Egyptian wonders. You'll see an ancient sarcophagus unsealed, an exploration of nooks and crannies of a pyramid conducted by a camera-equipped robot, and much more.

Ape to Man

2005 NR 100 minutes

From the 1856 discovery of Neanderthal man's ancient bones in Germany to elaborate hoaxes and theories ahead of their time, this History Channel video examines key breakthroughs in the quest to determine humanity's origin. For more than 150 years, scientists have sought the missing link, and this documentary chronicles the search fueled by Charles Darwin's controversial hypothesis, stunning archaeological finds and compelling scientific data.

Unchained Memories: Slave Narratives

2002 NR 75 minutes
Throughout the 1930s, journalists and writers accumulated stories and photographs from former African-American slaves and compiled more than 2300 first-person accounts of this horrifying period in American history. This documentary project contains some of these histories, read by prominent African-American actors such as Oprah Winfrey, Ossie Davis, Don Cheadle, Samuel L. Jackson, Ruby Dee, and Angela Bassett. Narrated by Whoopi Goldberg.

**History's Mysteries: The Inquisition**

1999 NR 100 minutes

This installment of the "History's Mysteries" series reveals the myths surrounding one of the darkest events in the history of man and religion -- the inquisition of thousands of "unbelievers" at the hands of the Catholic Church. Relying on evidence uncovered when the Vatican opened its libraries to select scholars -- and on the opinions of the scholars themselves -- this compelling program brings a wealth of little-known facts to light.

**History's Mysteries: The True Story of Robin Hood**

2006 NR 50 minutes

The History Channel's "History's Mysteries" examines the real story behind one of the most popular and enduring heroes of all time: Robin Hood. A trip through Sherwood Forest and interviews with scholars uncover clues to the fact behind the fiction. How did these stories come to be? Was Robin Hood a real man? If so, was he a champion of the poor or just a greedy bandit? The answers may surprise you.

**Ken Burns: Jazz**

2000 NR 10 discs / 10 episodes

Acclaimed filmmaker Ken Burns celebrates jazz, the "most American art form," in all of its incarnations over the decades -- from its origins in blues and ragtime through its evolution into swing, bebop and fusion. The series follows the growth and development of jazz from the gritty streets of New Orleans to the Lincoln Gardens on Chicago's Southside, the hallowed place where Louis Armstrong first won fame.

**The American President**

2000 NR 5 discs

This is the first documentary series ever to profile all 41 of America's chief executives. The series tells the nation's story from the perspective of the highest office in the land and features exclusive interviews with living former presidents.

**National Geographic: King Tut's Final Secrets**

2005 NR 94 minutes

Tag along with Egyptian scientists as they conduct a high-tech forensic probe into the puzzling demise of the world's most renowned mummy and the famous curse ostensibly linked to the deaths of those who unearthed his sarcophagus. Among the highlights of this intriguing two-hour documentary is the first reconstruction of the boy king's face and skull by two paleosculptors who create a silicone bust from CT scan data.
The Spartans
2004 NR 180 minutes

Of the various Greek city-states, Sparta was distinctive because of the rigorous military regimen it ingrained in its people; this presentation documents the history of one of the most fascinating societies in ancient times. The program examines the militaristic, collective and organized social construction assembled by the Spartan people, from the culture's humble beginnings and rise to greatness to its ultimate demise.

The Atomic Cafe
1982 NR 88 minutes

A chilling and often hilarious reminder of Cold War-era paranoia in the United States, this film artfully compiles newsreel footage, government archives, military training films and 1950s music into a singular cinematic experience. Also covered are Washington's Communist witch hunt, the historic trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, and the sagely prophetic comments of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Constantine's Sword
2007 NR 95 minutes

Director Oren Jacoby's intriguing documentary examines the history of anti-Semitism in the Catholic Church (as exposed in James Carroll's controversial book *Constantine's Sword*) and the link between the U.S. military and the Christian right. From Constantine's reign in the fourth century to today's evangelical base at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., Jacoby's film offers a provocative look at the roots of holy war.

Chevolution
2008 NR 89 minutes

This intriguing documentary charts the history of photographer Alberto Korda's iconic portrait of Argentinean revolutionary Ernesto "Che" Guevara, from the moment the picture was taken to its spread as an international symbol of rebellion. Using archival footage, filmmakers Trisha Ziff and Luis Lopez take a fascinating look at how a single image helped galvanize a generation of counterculturists.

The Wildest Dream
(The Wildest Dream: Conquest of Everest)
2010 PG 94 minutes

When Conrad Anker finds the body of George Mallory on Mount Everest 75 years after Mallory's death, Anker becomes obsessed with learning whether the man determined to become the first to reach the mountain's summit actually met his goal before dying. Narrated by Liam Neeson, this visually spectacular documentary also features the voices of Alan Rickman, Ralph Fiennes, Natasha Richardson and Hugh Dancy.

The Hidden Child
2007 NR 56 minutes

In this moving documentary, Holocaust survivor Maud Dahme shares her experiences as one of the Netherlands' thousands of "hidden children," young Jews whose lives were saved by secretly living with Christian families. Separated from her parents at the age of 6, Dahme was sent away with her younger sister, Rita, to be raised by compassionate strangers, first on a farm in the Dutch countryside and later in a remote fishing village.

Churchill

2003 NR 180 minutes

Follow the career of one of Britain's most illustrious leaders, Winston Churchill, in this three-part documentary, which examines Churchill's childhood, his tempestuous first turn as Prime Minister and his memorable second term and tragic death.

Secrets of the Samurai Sword: Nova

2007 NR 56 minutes

PBS's popular "Nova" series examines the history, art and science behind the samurai sword in this fascinating documentary. A time-honored weapon of the Japanese warrior, the samurai sword also serves as a symbol for walking a spiritual path. Visit the traditional foundries and learn about the craftsmanship behind making the swords. Then, take a trip to a school that teaches the ancient practice of samurai fighting.

Modern Marvels: Television: Window to the World

1996 NR 50 minutes

At the 1939 World's Fair, NBC announced the arrival of scheduled, broadcast television, a development the public was initially slow to accept. But in the following years, TV revolutionized entertainment and modern culture. This program charts the history of the small screen, from the early pioneers in the field to today's technological advances. Interviews with media figures offer an insider's insight into the industry that changed the world.

American Experience: We Shall Remain

2009 NR 3 discs / 5 episodes

With depth, breadth and richness, Native American history is told through indigenous eyes in this revolutionary five-part docudrama. Exploring five pivotal periods, the series spans 300 years of Indian adversity, resilience and self-determination. Benjamin Bratt narrates the sweeping series as it reexamines a cornerstone of America's story and offers insight into how history's heartbreak and hope resonate with American Indians today.

Ken Burns' America: Empire of the Air

1991 NR 120 minutes

Master documentary filmmaker Ken Burns turns his lens to a decidedly nonvisual medium -- radio -- and pulls it off with aplomb using newsreels, interviews and historical footage. Jason Robards narrates this journey to pre-television days where viewers meet the titans of the airwaves: David Sarnoff, Lee de Forest and Edwin Howard Armstrong. See how radio served as the medium that informed and entertained Americans during much of the 20th century.
Modern Marvels: The Telephone

1995 NR 50 minutes

The name Alexander Graham Bell has become synonymous with the telephone. But the creator of the tool that revolutionized human communication almost lost credit for the invention to his longtime rival, Elisha Gray -- who filed a patent for a similar device a mere two hours after Bell. This program takes viewers on a journey to witness the dramatic development and continuing evolution of one of the most influential mechanisms ever invented.

Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure: IMAX

2001 NR 40 minutes

One of the greatest survival stories of all time comes to life in this extraordinary true story of polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton’s 1914-16 British Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition, a testament to heroism and human endurance. All 28 men survived nearly 2 years in the barren, frigid Antarctic when their ship was caught in pack ice and eventually crushed. The film features stunning photography and 35mm motion picture footage.

Abraham and Mary Lincoln: A House Divided: American Experience

2001 NR 3 discs

An unlikely couple, Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd came from vastly different backgrounds -- he the son of a dirt farmer, she the daughter of wealthy slave owners. This dual biography tells both of their stories. From their childhoods to their marriage, to their years in the White House, this profile touches on their differences of opinion on the Civil War, their marital ups and downs and Mary's fragile state of mind after Lincoln's assassination.

In Search of Beethoven

2009 NR 139 minutes

Phil Grabsky, award-winning director of In Search of Mozart, lenses this feature length, in-depth look at Ludwig van Beethoven, which features new insights into the composer's life and music, and excerpts from more than 60 live performances. Performers and musical authorities interviewed for the film include Sir Roger Norrington, Claudio Abbado, Ronald Brautigam, Hélène Grimaud, Vadim Repin, Janine Jansen, Lars Vogt and Emanuel Ax.

MacArthur: American Experience

1999 NR 240 minutes

Gen. Douglas MacArthur rode into infamy with his famous words, "I'll be back," uttered during his battles against the Japanese in World War II. Get to know the general and his accomplishments in this fascinating PBS documentary. Esteemed for his leadership in the Pacific Theater, including the Philippines and South Korea, MacArthur faced political skirmishes at home with President Harry Truman.

Riding the Rails: American Experience
1998 NR 72 minutes

This landmark "American Experience" episode chronicles the story of 250,000 American teenagers who left their homes to ride freight trains across the country during the Great Depression -- adventures that were borne out of necessity. Interviews with witnesses and rare footage accurately document the emotion and angst of the teens. The soundtrack includes music from various folk artists such as Woody Guthrie, Jimmie Rodgers, and Brownie McGhee.

**Gunfighters**

2004 NR 3 discs

Originally shown on The Learning Channel, this documentary is a complete look at some of the mavericks and marksmen that made up the Old West. Included are profiles of such legends as Billy the Kid, Wyatt Earp, Jesse James and Wild Bill Hickok. Several famous battle scenes -- including the Lincoln County War and Gunfight at the O.K. Corral -- are reenacted to give strong visual appeal to the story as well.

**God in America: How Religious Liberty Shaped America**

2010 NR 3 discs / 6 episodes

A joint production of the acclaimed PBS series "Frontline" and "American Experience," this penetrating documentary examines the role of religion in America and looks back on its long -- and often surprising -- history. Segments focus on the tension between Puritan leaders and non-believers, the conversion of Native peoples, and the precarious relationship between politics and the pulpit, among other topics.

**The History Channel Presents: Winston Churchill**

1991 NR 2 discs

Sir Martin Gilbert, the iconic Winston Churchill's official biographer, lets viewers behind the proverbial curtain of the British prime minister's life in this History Channel production. Five hours of footage, interviews, newsreels and more reveal the controversies and triumphs of Churchill's reign, including clandestine meetings with American president Franklin Delano Roosevelt, navigating the politics of India and other issues.

**Iwo Jima: 50 Years of Memories**

1996 NR 49 minutes

Straight from the mouths of those who lived through it, this harrowing documentary recounts the historic battle of Iwo Jima and pays tribute to the men who fought and died over those 36 days. In addition to candid interviews, the program also features archival footage, photographs and maps of the island. Commemorating the 50th anniversary of Operation Detachment, this in-depth special originally aired on PBS.

**The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg**

1998 PG 95 minutes

Henry "Hank" Benjamin Greenberg led the Detroit Tigers to pennant victory in 1934 amidst anti-Semitism sentiment in America. Along with being Detroit's top hitter with a batting average of .339 in '34, Greenberg came very close to breaking Babe Ruth's 60-
homerun record in '38. Baseball's first Jewish professional player is paid tribute by his Jewish and non-Jewish fans alike in this documentary of the heroic Tigers' first baseman.

**Founding Fathers: The Men who Shaped Our Nation**

2000 NR 2 discs

The men (and women) who shaped the formative years of the United States of America did so at great personal risk with little possibility of proportional personal reward. But the men's known political, religious and social beliefs are often only their legendary personas; in this series (originally aired on The History Channel), discover the remarkable, unseen private sides of the men who risked everything for the cause of American independence.

**China: A Century of Revolution**

2000 NR 3 discs

This powerful, comprehensive documentary series takes an objective, firsthand look at China's tumultuous 20th century, examining the nation's social, political and cultural upheaval through personal interviews and rare historical footage. Beginning in 1911 with the fall of the last emperor, the program journeys through the decades, following China's growth into one of the world's largest economies.

**Truman: American Experience**

1997 NR 2 discs / 2 episodes

This installment of "American Experience" explores the surprising political success of an against-all-odds public figure. As an unknown politician from Missouri, Harry S. Truman suddenly found himself in office as the most powerful man in America. Yet despite his inexperience, he would go on to lead the country through the end of World War II, the rise of the atomic bomb, the expansion of the Soviet Union and the start of the Korean War.

**Electric Edwardians**

1900 NR 85 minutes

This collection of rare black-and-white footage captures all classes of Edwardian-era folk in the midst of their everyday lives. Shot by film pioneers Sagar Mitchell and James Kenyon in the early 20th century, the footage was produced for exhibition at fairgrounds throughout England. Bonus material includes an interview with Dr. Vanessa Toulmin of the National Fairground Archive, as well as Mitchell and Kenyon's short film "Diving Lucy."

**Simon Schama: The American Future**

2008 NR 2 discs

Historian Simon Schama explores how America's past connects to recent crises, and how history laid the groundwork for the most critical issues facing the country: immigration, war, moral zeal and the reality of the American dream. Focusing on the path that leads to America's 21st century crises, Schama links key history makers, including Thomas Jefferson, Mark Twain and Henry Ford, to contemporary Americans.
With All Deliberate Speed

2004 NR 111 minutes

A half-century after the United States Supreme Court's groundbreaking civil rights decision Brown v. Board of Education, this film looks at the unsung heroes in the struggle for desegregation in America. Intimate interviews, eyewitness accounts and original footage combine to tell the stories of students, teachers, lawyers and judges who raised their courageous voices and changed the nation.

War of the Worlds Scandal

2007 NR 70 minutes

On Oct. 30, 1938, families throughout New York state fled their homes, fearing an alien attack -- thanks to the all-too-convincing "War of the Worlds" radio broadcast by Orson Welles. This documentary recounts the events of that extraordinary day. The program examines not only the details of the broadcast itself, but also the wider social context of the frail world in 1938, the kind of world that would give way to even greater hysteria.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton & Susan B. Anthony

(Not for Ourselves Alone)

1999 NR 210 minutes

Witness the dramatic story of two women who made an immensely important mark in American history -- Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. Their fight for equality in a male-dominated society more than 100 years ago gets the exhaustive and respectful treatment it deserves in this film directed by gifted documentarian Ken Burns.

General Idi Amin Dada

1974 NR 90 minutes

Director Barbet Schroeder, with the full cooperation of the infamous dictator Idi Amin, delivers a fascinating documentary on the former Ugandan leader. He talks about his outreach to Arab nations, his goal of eradicating Israel, his views on economic policy and his views of other world leaders. We also see him running a cabinet meeting, visiting a village and supervising a war-game simulation of an invasion of Israel.

Founding Brothers

2002 NR 2 discs

This insightful documentary revisits six key moments during America's first years, chronicling the efforts of George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, John Adams, James Madison and Aaron Burr to shape the country. The program delves into the disagreements and views that prompted Franklin's appeal to abolish slavery, Burr and Hamilton's fateful duel and other landmark events.

Secrets of War: The Gulf War

1998 NR 104 minutes
Oscar-winner Charlton Heston narrates this 1998 documentary examining the technology and tactics that helped Allied forces deal an overpowering blow to the Iraqi military during the first Persian Gulf War. Segments entitled "Secrets in the Sand" and "Steel Rain" explain the gadgetry employed in the air and ground campaigns. The film also discusses the nagging consequences of leaving the despotic Saddam Hussein in power.

**Shanghai Ghetto**

2002 NR 95 minutes

Actor Martin Landau narrates this riveting documentary about Shanghai's little-known Jewish ghetto, settled in the 1930s by Jews who fled Nazi Germany. The filmmakers head to Shanghai with two ex-residents, who relate tales of life in the squalid enclave. Through interviews, letters, archival and modern-day footage, and family photos, the saga chronicles the survivors' escape, relocation, life in Shanghai and ultimate exodus to the United States.

**Steal a Pencil for Me**

2007 NR 94 minutes

Director Michèle Ohayon's moving documentary chronicles the unshakeable romance between Jack Polak and Ina Soep of Amsterdam, who met and fell in love despite their deportation to Nazi concentration camps during the war. As they corresponded with love letters composed on any scrap of paper they could find, the couple's blossoming relationship coincided with the horrors of the Holocaust and their internment in Westerbork and Bergen-Belsen.

**Holocaust: Ravensbruck and Buchenwald**

2006 NR 62 minutes

World War II footage and unpublished photos help to chronicle the Third Reich's atrocities at the Ravensbruck and Buchenwald concentration camps in this revealing documentary. The program exposes the unthinkable practices employed at both camps, including the grueling hard labor that killed thousands of inmates at Buchenwald, and the horrific torture and medical experiments performed at Ravensbruck.

**Genghis Khan: Terror and Conquest**

1995 NR 50 minutes

One of the greatest rulers in history, Mongol conqueror Genghis Khan amassed an empire that stretched from the Pacific Ocean to the Black Sea, but his military skills and ruthlessness in battle often overshadow his more refined qualities. This biography chronicles Khan's life, including his skills as a statesman and highly effective leader. Follow the camera crew to the sites in Asia where Khan and his army engaged their enemies in epic battles.

**In Search of History: Salem Witch Trials**

1998 NR 50 minutes

In the late 1600s, more than 150 men and women were accused of being witches. After the infamous Salem Witch Trials, 19 people were hanged for their alleged crimes, and one person was pressed to death under heavy stones. This History Channel documentary travels back to one of America's darkest times and reveals startling facts about who the real accusers were and what the community did to make restitution to the loved ones of the dead.
Amazing Grace

2007 NR 108 minutes

Behind the classic hymn "Amazing Grace" is the fascinating story of its unlikely author, John Newton, a onetime slave ship captain who converted to evangelical Christianity. The stories behind this enduring song and four others are presented here. The tunes include Horatio Spafford's "It Is Well with My Soul," Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber's "Silent Night," Carl Boberg's "How Great Thou Art" and Joseph Scriven's "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Ancient Mysteries: Camelot

2005 NR 50 minutes

Prominent archaeologists and historians hunt for proof that Camelot existed in this fascinating exploration of the legendary home of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table. From Arthur's purported burial ground in Glastonbury to historic Tintagel Castle, a team of experts on a cutting-edge investigation traverse England and Wales to separate fact from fiction as they search for the site where Camelot may have stood.

History's Mysteries: The Hunt for Jack the Ripper

2000 NR 50 minutes

To this day, the identity of Jack the Ripper, the serial killer who terrorized back alleys of Victorian-era London, remains a mystery, despite an unparalleled investigation for the times and the ongoing work of criminologists, scholars and hobbyists. This program visits the scenes of Jack the Ripper's bloody crimes, presents shocking photos of his victims and examines experts' theories regarding the killer's identity.

Secrets of War: Spy Games of World War II

1998 NR 4 episodes

Discover the secrets of some of World War II's most useful combatants: spies. Narrated by Charlton Heston, this documentary tells the stories behind the war's most decisive battles, from the African campaign to D-Day.

The Mysteries of Egypt: IMAX

1999 NR 40 minutes

Filmed in the IMAX format, this grand adventure presents a detailed look at the wonders left behind by an ancient civilization. Omar Sharif narrates as breathtaking aerial views of the pyramids and the Nile Delta soar across the screen. Thanks to the format, viewers feel like they're right inside the ancient structures, walking the dusty corridors and approaching a pharaoh's burial chamber.

Why Be Good?: Sexuality & Censorship in Early Cinema

2008 NR 70 minutes

Before the G, PG and R ratings system there was the Production Code, and before that there was, well, nothing. This eye-opening documentary examines the rampant sexuality of early Hollywood through movie clips and reminiscences by stars of the era. Gloria
Swanson, Mary Pickford, Marlene Dietrich and others relate tales of the artistic freedom that led to the draconian Production Code, which governed content from 1934 to 1968. Diane Lane narrates.

**The Bielski Brothers: Jerusalem in the Woods**

2008 NR 50 minutes

This gripping documentary recounts the little-known story of Tuvia, Asael and Zus Bielski, three Jewish brothers who, during World War II, established a resistance camp in the forests of Belarus and saved the lives of more than 1,200 Jews. Using archival records, historic analysis and compelling interviews with surviving members of the Bielski Brigade, the film paints a fascinating portrait of these largely unsung heroes.

**Holocaust: The Liberation of Auschwitz**

2005 NR 53 minutes

With chilling footage captured by Capt. Alexander Vorontsov -- a cameraman attached to a Russian army unit in 1945 -- this graphic documentary depicts shocking scenes of the 6,000 prisoners left for dead at the infamous Nazi death camp at Auschwitz. Introduced by Holocaust survivor Simon Wiesenthal, the film chronicles the concentration camp's liberation by Russian forces as Vorontsov looks on in horror.

**Modern Marvels: Battle Gear**

2001 NR 50 minutes

This installment of the History Channel's "Modern Marvels" series delves into the development of weapons and equipment -- from the gladius of Ancient Rome to today's M16 assault rifles, infrared scopes and biological-weapons protection -- to explore the evolution of body armor. From battle armor to bubble gum, you might be surprised by what soldiers have carried into battle -- and what they'll be sporting in future wars.

**The Roman Empire in the First Century**

2002 NR 219 minutes

This PBS-produced documentary sweeps through history as the Roman Empire reigns in the 1st century. But for the Romans, being in control meant dealing with a spate of social problems: coups, power struggles and crimes. Out of the ashes of disorder, however, rose a Phoenix-like empire even stronger than its original version -- thanks to the work of thinkers, fighters, noblemen and peasants.

**Core Physics: Classical Physics**

2007 NR 30 minutes

Learn everything you need to know about the foundation of physics with this comprehensive course. The program examines the discoveries and laws of classical physics, a study based on principles developed in the years before quantum theory. Topics include spectral lines, electromagnetism, laws of thermodynamics, electricity produced from magnetism, the Doppler effect, Maxwell's equations and the discovery of X-rays and radioactivity.
Lost Book of Nostradamus

2007 NR 94 minutes

This History Channel program explores the Prophecy of the Roman Popes, newly discovered writings from 16th-century French astrologist Nostradamus. The film examines the manuscript's authenticity and what new revelations it might hold for our time. Dramatic reenactments and CGI effects take you on a journey into Nostradamus's era for a unique glimpse into the mind of the man some called a prophet and others called a heretic.

Mr. Conservative: Goldwater on Goldwater

2006 NR 90 minutes

The life and career of conservative icon Barry Goldwater is recounted from his days as an Arizona businessman to his five-term Senate career and his ill-fated run for president in 1964. Produced by the politician's granddaughter C.C. Goldwater, this profile features interviews with a host of media and political luminaries, including Hillary Rodham Clinton, Edward Kennedy, John McCain, Al Franken, Robert MacNeil, Ben Bradlee and others.

Imaginary Witness: Hollywood and the Holocaust

2004 NR 92 minutes

Filmmaker Daniel Anker examines Hollywood's depiction of the Holocaust and its incomprehensible atrocities in this award-winning documentary narrated by Gene Hackman and featuring interviews with Steven Spielberg and Sidney Lumet. Through film clips, newsreels, scholars' comments and firsthand accounts, the documentary also questions the responsibility of filmmakers in retelling history and the effects of film portrayals on the social psyche.

Da Vinci and the Code He Lived By

2005 NR 91 minutes

As a gifted painter, scientist and inventor, Leonardo da Vinci was the original "Renaissance man," a brilliant thinker who kept notebooks full of ideas -- and enjoyed a resurgence as the controversial subject of Dan Brown's novel The Da Vinci Code. As time has passed, the artist has become more fascinating than ever. This History Channel documentary uses dramatic reenactments to uncover some little-known facts about da Vinci's life and work.

Occult History of the 3rd Reich #3: Adolf Hitler

1998 NR 50 minutes

Using newly uncovered footage, this revealing 1999 documentary -- the last in a three-part series -- chronicles the occult beliefs underpinning the infamous Nazi regime and the doctrine of National Socialism. A fanatical fascination with mysticism led Adolf Hitler to see himself as a modern messiah, an idea buttressed by deputy party leader Rudolf Hess. Hitler used occultism to create a hypnotic effect on the German public.

The Reich Underground

2004 NR 104 minutes
Explore the Third Reich's secret massive underground tunnel system with this fascinating documentary. Designed with the intention of housing armament factories, the labyrinth of tunnels was still being constructed as the war ended. A team of experts reopens the tunnels, which were sealed shut by American troops, sifting through their contents and examining the inhuman conditions the involuntary workers were forced to endure.

**The Murder of Emmett Till: American Experience**

2003 NR 53 minutes

This PBS "American Experience" documentary examines the murder of 14-year-old Emmett Till and the subsequent acquittal of his killers. Considered a catalyst for America's civil rights movement, Till's death sent shockwaves throughout the world. While visiting the Deep South, Till whistled at a white woman, an act which led to his brutal killing. Activists organized after Till's mother let national newspapers run pictures of her mangled son.

**H.H. Holmes: America's First Serial Killer**

2003 UR 64 minutes

America's first serial killer is the subject of this documentary narrated by Tony Jay. The film looks at the life of Herman Mudgett, aka H.H. Holmes. After Holmes moved from New Hampshire to Chicago in the late 1800s, he designed a home with secret torture chambers, rented rooms to unsuspecting tourists who were in town for Chicago's 1893 World's Fair, then tortured them. The film covers Holmes's early years, his murderous spree and his trial.

**Modern Marvels: Digi-Tech**

2002 NR 50 minutes

Looking back on the past from an increasingly digital age, this thought-provoking installment of the History Channel's "Modern Marvels" series traces the development of digital technology from its origins to modern times. Who were the visionaries who dreamed up the world's first computers, what prompted them to do it, and did they have any idea how quickly their electronic inventions would evolve?

**Primary**

1960 NR 53 minutes

Filmmaker Robert Drew trailed Senator John F. Kennedy as he campaigned against Hubert Humphrey for the Democratic presidential nomination in Wisconsin in 1960. The first film in which the sync sound camera moved freely with characters throughout a breaking story, Primary is recognized as a breakthrough in documentary filmmaking and was selected as an historic film for inclusion in the Library of Congress's National Film Registry in 1990.

**The Last Bolshevik**

(Le Tombeau d'Alexandre)

1992 NR 116 minutes

Montage artist Chris Marker revisits the connection between cinema and politics in the former Soviet Union in this tribute to filmmaker Alexander Medvedkin. Clips from the director's films and newsreels reveal an artist's role under communism. Marker's
unique style elevates the material from a straightforward biography to a meditation on the interplay between personal expression and political repression.

**Napoleon's Final Battle**

2006 NR 88 minutes

This historical documentary from National Geographic recounts the final defeat of one of history's most compelling leaders. Napoleon Bonaparte's phenomenal rise to power came to an end by 1814, when an alliance of enemies triumphed over his forces and banished him to the island of Elba. But the French ruler refused to give up on his dream of world conquest, and he proceeded to organize an epic, history-defining battle from his island prison.

**Cracking the Maya Code**

2008 NR 52 minutes

The cryptic hieroglyphs of the ancient Maya civilization have fascinated -- and puzzled -- many brilliant minds for years. Traveling deep into the jungles of Central America, "Nova" follows the struggles of these tenacious code breakers. The long road to discovery includes an interview with David Stuart, whose startling breakthrough made just after high school helped make him the youngest-ever recipient of the MacArthur "genius" grant.

**Gallipoli**

2006 NR 118 minutes

Oscar winner Jeremy Irons and Golden Globe nominee Sam Neill narrate this meticulously produced docudrama exploring the battle of Gallipoli, a controversial contest fought by Great Britain and its allies against the Ottoman Empire during World War I. Filmed in seven countries over the course of six years, the program puts the campaign in historical context through dramatic reenactments, 3-D animation and interviews with noted experts.

**500 Nations**

1995 NR 4 discs

This documentary chronicles the history of the people of North and Central America, beginning with the pre-Colombian era through their brushes with European colonization, capping off with the defeat of 19th-century North American Plains Indians. The remarkable story unfolds through transcripts depicting the historical events, as well as first-hand recollections, photographs and computer reenactments.

**The History Makers: Courage**

2004 NR 60 minutes

This installment of the Russell Simmons Higher Self series profiles a collection of notable African-American figures whose efforts to challenge the status quo and end inequality altered the course of American history forever. Among those featured in this inspirational program are acclaimed poet-author Nikki Giovanni, blues legend B.B. King, civil rights icon Angela Davis, former presidential adviser Vernon Jordan and actor-activist Harry Belafonte.
Listen to Britain and Other Films by Humphrey Jennings

1940 NR 191 minutes

In addition to five of English director Humphrey Jennings's beautifully crafted short films that explore life in the U.K. during World War II, this fascinating collection also contains his only feature-length film, the legendary Fires Were Started. A pioneer whose influence can be seen in the work of nonfiction filmmakers to this day, Jennings is widely lauded as one of the early architects of documentary filmmaking.

Secrets of the Parthenon: Nova

(Nova: Secrets of the Parthenon)

2008 NR 56 minutes

A team of researchers, architects and engineers investigates the improbable construction of Greece's wondrous temple, the Parthenon - erected without any building plans or blueprints in the shockingly fast time frame of eight or nine years. This absorbing "Nova" special revisits the halcyon days of ancient Greece, where a group of more than 200 masons brought their craftsmanship to bear on this architectural miracle.

Galileo's Battle for the Heavens

2002 NR 120 minutes

In this illuminating documentary that details Galileo's amazing accomplishments and personal conflicts, narrator Liev Schreiber, historical texts and dramatic reenactments work in concert to paint a riveting portrait of the pioneering man of science. Considered the father of modern astronomy and physics, Galileo was deemed a heretic in his day for advancing a radical theory: The sun is the center of the cosmos.

Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years 1954-1965

1987 TV-PG 3 discs

This Emmy-winning documentary from the PBS "American Experience" series uses newsreel footage and narratives from famous and everyday people to take viewers inside the struggle for civil rights during the crucial years of 1954 through '65. Among the critical events discussed are the Montgomery bus boycott, the integration of schools in Little Rock, the murder of activists in Mississippi and Martin Luther King's groundbreaking marches to freedom.

Ghosts of Abu Ghraib

2007 NR 100 minutes

Blending interviews with the perpetrators, witnesses and victims involved in the notorious Abu Ghraib scandal of 2003, director Rory Kennedy (daughter of slain U.S. politician Robert F. Kennedy) offers an inside look at what really went on inside the walls of the infamous Iraqi prison. This Emmy winner for Best Nonfiction Special seeks to tell the stories behind the now-iconic photos depicting hooded prisoners, U.S. soldiers and humiliating acts.

Voices of Civil Rights
2006 NR 2 discs

Packaged together for the first time, six powerful documentaries -- including the Emmy-nominated Crossing the Bridge (2002) -- recount the Civil Rights struggle, relying on historical newsreel footage, archival material and interviews with surviving participants. The range of topics includes Jim Crow laws, sit-ins, the violence of "Bloody Sunday" and the influence of activists Rosa Parks, Medgar Evers and Martin Luther King Jr.

Underground Railroad

1999 NR 92 minutes

Actress Alfre Woodard hosts this program produced by the History Channel that looks at the pivotal events and historical figures that were instrumental in propelling the 200-year struggle to end slavery in the American South. The film contains dramatic re-creations of daring escapes and in-depth looks at the lives and achievements of such influential people as Frederick Douglass, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Harriet Tubman and William Lloyd Garrison.

Pocahontas Revealed: Nova

2007 NR 56 minutes

Four centuries after the myth was forged, the tale of Pocahontas is retold with modern science. Having unearthed Chief Powhatan's capital, Werowocomoco, archaeologists piece together the Native American side of the events that occurred near Jamestown. In an exclusive report from the place Pocahontas reportedly begged her father to spare John Smith from execution, the "Nova" team follows the history-changing investigation.

Africans in America: America's Journey Through Slavery

1998 NR 2 discs

This documentary series recounts the history of slavery in America. The four episodes -- "The Terrible Transformation," "Revolution," "Brotherly Love" and "Judgment Day" -- span the years from 1450 to the end of the Civil War. The series explores the paradox at the heart of the American story: that a democracy declared all men equal but enslaved one group to provide prosperity to another.

I Know I'm Not Alone

2005 NR 86 minutes

Michael Franti -- a multifaceted artist known for fusing diverse sounds -- takes his camera and guitar to the war-torn Middle East in this thought-provoking film that captures the costs of global conflict. Experiencing the realities of war firsthand without the support or protection of outside help, Franti ventures on his own into chaotic neighborhoods in Iraq, Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories and documents what he finds.

Little Rock Central High: 50 Years Later

2007 NR 100 minutes

Filmmakers Brent and Craig Renaud return to Little Rock's Central High 50 years after the Arkansas school became a flash point during desegregation and the Civil Rights movement. But has there been true change? Present-day students and faculty, community
leaders and one of the original Little Rock Nine show how much further we need to go since 1957, when an angry mob attempted to block nine courageous black students from entering the school.

**The Ritchie Boys**

2004 NR 90 minutes

This compelling documentary recounts the story of 10 Jewish intellectuals who were expelled from Nazi Germany, only to return during World War II to use their intimate knowledge of the country to wreak psychological havoc on Hitler's Nazi forces. Trained at Maryland's Camp Ritchie, these German refugees were a strange sight in the U.S. Army, but their contributions to the war effort were heroic and invaluable.

**Panama Deception**

(The Panama Deception: Exposing the Cover Up!)

1992 NR 91 minutes

Filmmakers Barbara Trent and David Kasper explain the untold truths behind the United States' 1989 invasion of Panama in this hard-hitting documentary that illuminates the complex relationship between Gen. Manuel Noriega and the U.S. government. Juxtaposing interviews with experts and eyewitnesses with historical media reports, the film shows how the press helped win the American public's approval despite widespread condemnation abroad.

**Reconstruction: The Second Civil War: American Experience**

2004 NR 180 minutes

This installment of the acclaimed PBS television series "American Experience" looks at one of the least understood periods in American history, Reconstruction, which spanned the tumultuous years from 1863 to 1877. The documentary tracks the extraordinary stories of ordinary Americans -- Southerners, Northerners, white and black -- as they struggle to shape new lives in a United States turned upside down.

**The Nazi Officer's Wife**

2003 NR 100 minutes

After serving time in the slammer for driving the getaway car in an attempted bank robbery, Ray Bradstone (professional wrestling star Paul Levesque -- better known as Triple H) is a reformed family man who wants to chaperone his daughter's class trip. But some bad guys (Kevin Corrigan and Kevin Rankin) from his past have other plans. Can Ray outwit these nitwits while keeping himself and his daughter (Ariel Winter) safe from harm?

**Jesse James: American Outlaw**

2007 NR 94 minutes

One of the most infamous antiheroes the world has ever known, Jesse James is America's favorite outlaw. This in-depth documentary on the notorious gunslinger draws on the expertise of several noted historians to separate fact from fiction. Presented by The History Channel, the lavish production goes to great lengths to paint a full picture of the controversial legend and unravel the mystery surrounding his death.
10 Days that Unexpectedly Changed America

2006 NR 3 discs

In this thought-provoking History Channel series, 10 filmmakers offer their takes on 10 landmark days that altered the course of American history, beginning with the massacre of Pequot Indians by English settlers on May 26, 1637.

Egypt’s Golden Empire

2002 NR 160 minutes

This three-part program tracks the development of Egypt’s glorious New Kingdom, a majestic era marked by the rise of powerful rulers, the birth of a sophisticated civilization and advances in art, culture and politics that would influence the world for years to come. Originally broadcast on PBS, the series blends archival documents and ancient artifacts with on-location footage and expert interviews to weave a complex but compelling narrative.

JFK: 3 Shots That Changed America

(JFK: Three Shots That Changed America)

2009 TV-PG 188 minutes

Using rarely seen primary source materials, this intense History Channel documentary examines the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy, an event that changed not only the course of American history, but that of the world. Television news footage, radio reports, home movies and eyewitness accounts offer in-depth details about the tragic events of that November day and the resulting inquiries that continue to generate controversy.

The Architecture of Doom

(Undergångens Arkitektur)

1991 NR 119 minutes

This chilling documentary explores how artistic, cultural and historical trends forged the National Socialist aesthetic, which in turn contributed to the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust. Swedish-born filmmaker Peter Cohen, whose parents escaped the Nazis, examines Hitler’s failed career as an artist, his fascination with Wagner, the Nazi obsession with cleanliness, the paradoxical link between “beauty” and evil in the Third Reich, and more.

Homage to Chagall

(Homage to Chagall: The Colours of Love)

1977 NR 88 minutes

In this Oscar-nominated documentary, director Harry Rasky explores the life and groundbreaking work of Russian artist Marc Chagall, including a candid interview with the artist and a close study of more than a hundred of his paintings. A blend of narration, first-person recitation of Chagall’s letters and the visual delight of his paintings combine to reveal the soul of this artist like never before. James Mason and Joseph Wiseman narrate.
**Holocaust: The Liberation of Majdanek**

2006 NR 60 minutes

This grim documentary recounts in graphic detail the horrific events that transpired at Majdanek, a concentration camp located near Lublin, Poland, and the only such camp remaining in operation at the time of its July 1944 liberation. The film revisits the chilling fate of 2 million people systematically eradicated by the Germans at the death camp. Included is footage of survivors confronting their Nazi tormentors during a Russian tribunal.

**Egyptian Secrets of the Afterlife**

2009 NR 50 minutes

This fascinating Nat Geo documentary explores Egypt's tombs and reveals the ancient beliefs of the afterlife and the perilous passage to resurrection, as renowned archaeologist Dr. Zahi Hawass excavates a mysterious tunnel deep below the earth. Discover the artifacts, drawings and other clues that tell the story of an underworld journey filled with terrifying monsters and fiery lakes as the dead navigate to the other side.

**The Knights Templar**

2001 NR 120 minutes

Through interviews and historical reenactments, this thought-provoking program explores the rise and fall of the Knights Templar, a brotherhood of French soldiers who protected Christians as they made pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Led by Templar historian Malcolm Barber, a scholar of medieval history, the discussion examines the knights' role in the legend of the Holy Grail as well as their contributions to modern banking.

**American Justice: John Lennon Assassination**

1997 NR 50 minutes

"American Justice" host Bill Kurtis probes the troubled mind of Mark David Chapman, the unbalanced Beatles fan who grew up worshipping John Lennon, then stalked and murdered him in 1980. Through conversations with many involved in the case, including Chapman's attorneys, the arresting officer and -- in a rare taped interview from his cell -- Chapman himself, this gripping episode revisits the assassination and the events leading up to it.

**Rush to War**

2004 NR 86 minutes

Filmmaker Robert Taicher explores the events leading up to the Iraq War in this penetrating documentary. Taicher provides a thorough examination of mistakes made by several administrations; the rationales presented for going to war; and the effect of events on America's society, security and international credibility. Bonus features include an exclusive interview with former Ambassador Joe Wilson, husband of outed CIA agent Valerie Plame.

**The Crusades**

2001 NR 2 discs
Monty Python member -- and medieval maven -- Terry Jones serves as host for this fascinating look at the epic holy wars. Filmed in Europe and the Middle East, the Crusades brings the bloody clash of Christianity and Islam to life with an army of innovative techniques, including animated mosaics, restaged battles and stunning computer graphics. Jones's sardonic style adds a touch of humor to the horrors chronicled in this acclaimed documentary.

**Modern Marvels: Extreme Gadgets**

2005 NR 50 minutes

Get an inside look at the sophisticated tools of extreme sports -- the inventions that have changed the way athletes perform. In the last decade, extreme sports have taken off. But behind every competitor is an amazing arsenal of technology. This fascinating program explores the impact of technological breakthroughs such as the urethane wheel and the original in-line skate, and includes interviews with inventors and athletes.

**Devil's Island: Journey into Jungle Alcatraz**

2006 NR 58 minutes

Deep in the jungle buried beneath the lush trees and trailing vines lie the ruins of a once mighty prison, a fortress to confine dangerous criminals. If those crumbled walls could speak, what stories would they tell? Directed by Jean-Christophe Jeauffre, this intriguing journey into one of history's most notorious penitentiaries -- the French penal colony known as Devil's Island -- is narrated by Christopher Lee.

**Obscene**

2007 NR 97 minutes

This 2007 documentary profiles influential publisher Barney Rosset, who battled obscenity bans and took on the Supreme Court for the right to publish controversial novels, including *Lady Chatterley's Lover* and *Tropic of Cancer*. Rosset's tumultuous personal and professional life is chronicled through archival footage and interviews with Rosset, writer Erica Jong, Doors keyboardist Ray Manzarek, director John Waters and many others.

**National Geographic: Explorer: 25 Years**

2010 NR 90 minutes

Celebrate "Explorer's" 25 years of compelling programming with this commemorative special that recaps such show highlights as an undersea expedition to the Titanic wreckage, a tour of the Guantanamo Bay detention center and a report from North Korea. Throughout this documentary television series' quarter century on the air, its viewers have visited more than 100 countries and learned fascinating lessons about science, wildlife and humankind.

**Thomas Jefferson: View from the Mountain**

1995 NR 108 minutes

In this documentary, historians, politicians and actors (including Danny Glover and Sissy Spacek) try to illuminate the quixotic nature of founding father Thomas Jefferson, focusing on his views about slavery and rumored affair with his slave Sally Hemmings. Though many consider Jefferson America's most influential political logician, his life was a series of paradoxes. Edward Herrmann is featured as the voice of the conflicted aristocrat.
National Geographic: Herod's Lost Tomb

2008 NR 50 minutes

Featuring Israeli archaeologist Ehud Netzer, this documentary examines his many-year search for the tomb of Herod the Great, who was made famous in the Gospel of Matthew for his massacre of the male infants of Bethlehem. With visits to renowned Herodian-designed sites, including Caesarea, Masada and the Second Temple of Jerusalem, the film provides an in-depth architectural tour of the infamous King's awe-inspiring edifices.

Dangerous Missions: Assault On Iwo Jima

2007 NR 50 minutes

Find out why the battle for Iwo Jima lasted much longer than the expected three to four days, and why it was so crucial to winning the war in the Pacific. Surviving veterans and military historians recount the gruesome 36 days of carnage. Incorporating combat footage of the campaign, this program explores how three Marine divisions eventually took the island and planted the flag -- an image permanently fixed in the collective mind of history.

D-Day: The Total Story

2004 NR 2 discs

Actor Gerald McRaney narrates this documentary that aired on the History Channel in 1994, on the 50th anniversary of Operation Overlord -- better known as D-Day. The film details the crucial hours when the Allied command unleashed its combined forces on the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944. Archival combat footage, vintage stills and eyewitness accounts bring to life the monumental event, arguably the most important moment of World War II.

National Geographic: Lost Subs: Disaster at Sea

2002 NR 54 minutes

From the National Geographic Explorer series, this documentary takes an in-depth look at four submarine accidents -- the forces that brought the machines down, the tragedy of lives lost and the heroism of the submariners who sacrificed themselves to save others. Submarines profiled are the K-19 and Kursk from the Soviet Union and the USS Thresher and Squalus.

National Geographic: The Search for Kennedy's PT 109

(Kennedy's Lost Ship: PT109)

2002 NR 60 minutes

Dr. Robert Ballard, famous for discovering the watery remains of the Titanic, unearths the wreck of John F. Kennedy's legendary World War II patrol-torpedo boat in this intriguing National Geographic documentary. Includes compelling wartime footage and eyewitness accounts of Kennedy's heroism aboard the ill-fated ship that was cut in half by a Japanese destroyer in the murky waters off the Solomon Islands.

National Geographic: Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West
2002 NR 41 minutes

Sent by President Jefferson to find the fabled Northwest Passage, Lewis and Clark led the most courageous and important expedition in American history. Journey with them across a breath-taking landscape for an experience that explores the history -- and the promise -- of America.

**Breaking the Maya Code**

2008 NR 116 minutes

Inspired by archaeologist Michael Coe's best-selling book, this fascinating documentary traces the extraordinary efforts to decode a writing system that has mystified historians for centuries: the hieroglyphic script of the ancient Mayans. Eleven years in the making, David Lebrun's film journeys from one end of the world to the other to explore the epic story behind one of the greatest scientific discoveries of the 20th century.

**The Ascent of Man**

1972 NR 5 discs

Narrated by mathematician and biologist Jacob Bronowski, this landmark BBC series traces human development from the dawn of evolution and the creation of rudimentary tools to the rise of technology and the computer age. Along the way, the 13-part documentary covers the history of the sciences and touches on humanity's contributions to art, warfare, empire-building, agriculture, music, architecture, mathematics, medicine, industry and politics.

**World War II: Behind Closed Doors: Stalin, the Nazis and the West**

2009 NR 2 discs

Award-winning filmmaker Laurence Rees paints a complex portrait of Soviet leader Joseph Stalin in this thought-provoking program based on Stalin's secret meetings with Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt and Adolf Hitler. In the process, Rees sheds light on some of the shadier closed-door deals that led to the resolution of World War II and helped shape the outcome of world events for years to come.

**Ken Burns' America: Brooklyn Bridge**

1981 NR 60 minutes

Master documentary filmmaker Ken Burns is the genius behind this film that chronicles the history of New York City's fabled Brooklyn Bridge. Traversing the East River, the Brooklyn Bridge stands graceful and tall, often prominently featured in many a book and movie. Listen as such literary luminaries as Arthur Miller and Kurt Vonnegut discuss the magic of this landmark.

**Titanic Revealed**

(Titanic Untold)

2004 NR 50 minutes

Scouring the ocean's depths once again, Dr. Robert Ballard returns to the submerged *Titanic* for the first time since his epic 1986 dive. Sadly, we see that the passage of time has not been kind to the sunken wreck, as many dive crews have tried to exploit the Titanic for
big money. Ballard also recounts his maiden voyage to the Titanic and sheds some surprising light on how the luxury liner related to the Cold War. Peter Schnall directs.

**Sugihara: Conspiracy of Kindness**

2000 NR 82 minutes

In the dark early days of World War II, Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara used his power (defying Tokyo's express orders) to rescue Jewish refugees in Lithuania. More than 2,000 Sugihara-stamped passports allowed hundreds of families to flee to safe havens abroad. Through unprecedented access to Sugihara's family and their personal home movies, photos and papers, the heroism of this man is brought to light.

**Reagan: American Experience**

1998 NR 2 discs / 2 episodes

This entry in the long-running PBS series examines the overwhelmingly popular presidency of Ronald Reagan, a former actor whose charm and straightforward conservative political views propelled him through two terms … much to his detractors' dismay. Underestimated by his adversaries time and again, Reagan -- whose oratory earned him the moniker "the Great Communicator" -- conquered them one by one. David Ogden Stiers narrates.

**American Experience: Civilian Conservation Corps**

2009 NR 52 minutes

This edition of PBS' "American Experience" series celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps, one of the most successful and ambitious projects advanced by Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt during the Great Depression. The program gives us an intimate view of the enduring accomplishments made by the CCC -- a group of 3 million men put to work in the nation's forests and parks, planting trees and maintaining roads and trails.

**Apollo 13: To the Edge and Back**

1994 NR 82 minutes

Through the eyes of those who experienced it firsthand, this documentary takes a look at the events surrounding Apollo 13 and the steely grit and deep courage exhibited by the astronauts and the staff of mission control during the ordeal. The drama that unfolded during the problem-plagued flight space mission is the stuff that movies are made of, and astronauts Jim Lovell and Fred Haise shed light on why.

**American Experience: Alexander Hamilton**

2006 NR 120 minutes

Brian F. O'Byrne portrays Alexander Hamilton, America's first treasury secretary and the second most influential person in young America after George Washington, in this insightful documentary. Here, his life and death are explored in detail. The oftentimes controversial Hamilton founded the Coast Guard, saved the new republic from bankruptcy, founded what would become Wall Street and helped develop the Constitution.
National Geographic: Arlington: Field of Honor

2005 NR 60 minutes

There's no other stretch of grassland more renowned than Virginia's Arlington National Cemetery, home to the remains of those who served in the military, most notably the Unknown Soldier and beloved U.S. president John F. Kennedy. This heartfelt documentary looks at the cemetery's history through interviews with men and women who've been privy to solemn events held there, as well as rare archival footage and tales passed down through the years.

The Jewish People: A Story of Survival

2008 NR 58 minutes

Journalist Martha Teichner traces the history of the Jewish people, explaining how this vibrant culture has endured and thrived despite more than 4,000 years of slavery, oppression, anti-Semitism and near-genocide. Historical photos, rare documents and interviews with noted scholars serve to illuminate how the Jews survived for centuries -- while other communities vanished -- under the Babylonians, Romans, Nazis, Russians and other cruel regimes.

Decisions That Shook the World

2004 UR 140 minutes

Bold decisions by three 20th-century U.S. presidents are the focus of this three-part documentary. The film examines the global effects of Lyndon Johnson backing civil rights legislation, Ronald Reagan's "Star Wars" defense system and Franklin D. Roosevelt's decision to arm Britain before America joined World War II. The program includes rare footage and interviews with Bill Clinton, Jimmy Carter and newsman Walter Cronkite, among others.

The Conscientious Objector

2004 NR 101 minutes

In this feature-length documentary, filmmaker Terry Benedict relates the true story of Desmond Doss, a World War II soldier who refused to take up arms against others yet found himself wearing the Congressional Medal of Honor. Viewing his beliefs as those of a "conscientious cooperator" -- and not an "objector" -- the combat medic bravely rescued 75 wounded men from the front lines without any weapons to defend himself.

The Men Who Killed Kennedy

1988 NR 2 discs

This six-part documentary is perhaps the definitive analysis of the events surrounding John F. Kennedy's assassination. It offers stunning evidence through interviews and comprehensive accounts of this American tragedy, backing up theories that the President's own brother, Robert, may have inadvertently caused Kennedy's death and that phony autopsy pictures were used to prove that his death was caused by a single shooter.

Colosseum: A Gladiator's Story

2003 NR 100 minutes
Russell Crowe fails to make an appearance in this searing documentary, but it's arresting moviemaking nonetheless as viewers journey through Roman history to a time when gladiators battled each other at the emperor's whim. The story centers around Verus, a gladiator who rose to stardom but still lived his life enslaved, and for whom freedom was the ultimate triumph.

**LBJ: American Experience**

1991 NR 240 minutes

In the aftermath of John F. Kennedy's assassination, Vice President Lyndon Baines Johnson took the reins of a grieving nation, steered the country through sweeping social reform and found himself re-elected a year later by a landslide. This installment of "American Experience" explores Johnson's trajectory from Texas to the White House to the rice fields of Vietnam -- and his subsequent fall from grace amid social and political turmoil.

**Tales of the Gun: Guns of Smith & Wesson**

1999 NR 50 minutes

With their now-famous names engraved on the guns they forged, Horace Smith and Daniel Baird Wesson rewrote history and pushed the limits of firearms technology. Relying on authentic period documents, extensive interviews with weapons experts and intimate visits to some of the foremost gun collections in the world, this installment of A&E's "Tales of the Gun" series tells the fascinating story of an inspired business partnership.

**Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip**

2003 NR 106 minutes

Ken Burns's documentary celebrates the 100th anniversary of the first transcontinental road trip, one undertaken for the flimsiest of reasons: a $50 wager. In 1903, Dr. Horatio Nelson Jackson started up his Winton in San Francisco; sixty-three days later, he arrived in New York City. Burns captures Jackson's pioneering spirit using photos, letters and footage from a road trip he and his crew take to retrace Jackson's journey.

**Wounded Heart: Pine Ridge and the Sioux**

2006 NR 70 minutes

This gripping documentary explores the lives of the Sioux Indians living on South Dakota's Pine Ridge reservation. Extreme poverty, alcoholism, domestic abuse, racism, inadequate health care and numerous other issues contribute to a shortened life span: Many residents die in their 20s or 30s. Interviews with Native Americans and government officials shed light on the enduring problems and the hope some find by embracing their Lakota culture.

**Empires: Kingdom of David: The Saga of the Israelites**

2003 NR 220 minutes

Keith David narrates this religious exploration of the struggle of the Israelites, from 586 B.C. when they were forced to find refuge in Babylon to the rise of Christianity centuries later. Filmed at the precise locations of the events featured, this exploration features four episodes that focus on key figures in Judeo-Christian history: Abraham, Moses, King David and King Solomon.
Japan: Memoirs of a Secret Empire

2004 NR 3 episodes

As Europeans worked to conquer the world and extend their reach to other parts of the globe -- at times imposing their beliefs on citizens of other countries -- the people of Japan were decidedly isolationist, advocating separation as it nurtured its culture and traditions under its leader, Tokugawa Ieyasu. This documentary spotlights 16th and 17th century Japan as seen through the eyes of the samurai, the artist, the foreigner and many others.

Italian Fascism in Color

2007 NR 100 minutes

Using period letters, secret memos, rare archival footage and expert interviews, this documentary traces the rise of Mussolini’s fascist Italian government after World War I to its violent downfall in the throes of World War II. This penetrating exploration of Il Duce's rule reveals why his efficient administration was initially admired across the globe as well as the reasons his growing allegiance with Nazi Germany sealed his fate.

The Story of Islam

1989 NR 120 minutes

Learn the story of Muhammad and the basic principles of Islam with this comprehensive program that traces the religion from its humble beginnings in Mecca to its place as one of the world's foremost religions, claiming more than 1 billion followers. By showing viewers the culture, philosophy and tenets of Islam, the film aims to illuminate what this often misunderstood faith is really about.

Freemasonry Revealed

(The Secret History of the Freemasons)

2007 NR 2 discs

The Freemasons have long intrigued outsiders with their secretive practices and arcane symbolic imagery. Now you can go behind the curtain and learn the truth about the origins, rise and continuing influence of this enigmatic society. Using dramatic reenactments and expert testimony, this presentation details the key aspects of the Masonic Order, its leaders, its legends and the conspiracies that perpetually surround it.

Tiananmen Square

2007 NR 50 minutes

The History Channel uses previously unseen footage and declassified sources to revisit 1989 Beijing, where hundreds of student protesters were killed by the Chinese military on Tiananmen Square. The program examines the growth of the opposition to the ruling Communist Party, the efforts the government took to quell the dissenters and the lasting repercussions the historic event had on Chinese politics and culture.

The War of the World: A New History of the 20th Century

2008 NR 180 minutes
In this extraordinary series, Harvard historian Niall Ferguson offers a significant new perspective on the events of the 20th century, recasting the Cold War and the two World Wars as one continuous, racially motivated "Hundred Years' War." Ferguson also examines a central paradox: With its unparalleled advances in science and communications, why was the 20th century the most lethal in the history of humanity?

Modern Marvels: Bulletproof

2007 NR 50 minutes

What does it take to stop a bullet with a velocity of 3,000 feet per second? The answer to that question and more are revealed in this fascinating program exploring the history and the future of bulletproofing. Advances in weaponry require designers to keep pace with lifesaving technology, from personal body armor to armored vehicles. Learn how modern materials and ingenious new systems are helping keep people safe in the line of fire.

Virtual JFK

(Virtual JFK: Vietnam If Kennedy Had Lived)

2008 NR 82 minutes

Filmmaker Koji Masutani's documentary poses a provocative question: What would John F. Kennedy have done in Vietnam had his presidency continued through a second term? Using newly available behind-closed-doors audiotapes and other sources, the program suggests answers to this question by candidly examining Kennedy's approach to other crises of the day, such as the Communist uprising in Laos in 1961 and the Cuban missile crisis in 1962.

They Made America

2004 NR 2 discs

In this four-part program from the producers of the "American Experience" series that originally aired on PBS, the innovators whose brainstorms and entrepreneurial spirit gave birth to such landmark advances as the steamboat and the 747 jetliner (as well as the Barbie doll and CNN) are profiled. It's an examination of more than two centuries of glorious growth and invention. Based on the titular book by journalist Harold Evans.

Horror in the East

2001 NR 98 minutes

Japan's shocking treatment of World War II POWs and the country's refusal to surrender are examined in this two-part program. From cultural, political and economic factors to the assault on Nanking and the brutality of Japan's POW camps, the complex story is told through archival footage and interviews with former Japanese soldiers, kamikazes and Allied POWs. The presentation also includes documentaries on the Indian army and the war in Burma.

Battlefields

2004 NR 200 minutes

Professor and noted author Richard Holmes examines four of the most influential Allied battle campaigns of World War II in this program based on his book. Archival footage, dramatizations and personal accounts help tell the events of the victory over Rommel at
El Alamein; the 1944 battle in the rough conditions of Monte Cassino; the attack on Rhineland bridges at Arnhem; and the British Royal Air Force's offensive against Germany.

**The Road to War: Great Britain, Italy, Japan, USA**

2005 NR 200 minutes

What were the factors that led Great Britain, Italy, Japan and the United States to war? From the Great Depression and the aftereffects of World War I to the perceived threat of communism, Mussolini's dictatorship, Hitler's anti-Semitic policies and Japan's invasion of China, this documentary takes a close look at the buildup to the conflict and examines how each major nation decided that confrontation was inevitable.

**The Battle of the Atlantic**

2002 NR 146 minutes

By 1942, Hitler's U-boats had crippled shipping in the Atlantic, bringing Britain to the brink of starvation, but a key source of intelligence eventually enabled the Allies to gain the upper hand. Through eyewitness accounts from former U-boat crew members, archival footage of the submarines in action and dramatizations, this series chronicles the battle for control of the Atlantic. The video also includes a documentary on merchant seamen.

**Walt & El Grupo**

2008 PG 107 minutes

In 1941, the U.S. government enlisted Walt Disney and top animators to visit South America on a goodwill tour, hoping to quash a growing Nazi presence. Extensive interviews and archival footage re-create their diplomatic and creative mission. Nicknamed "El Grupo," the Disney crew soaked up the culture of Brazil, Argentina and Chile and emerged with material for the Oscar-nominated animation The Three Caballeros and other beloved classics.

**Shipwreck: Captain Kidd**

2008 NR 50 minutes

With the aid of dazzling computer graphics, this National Geographic documentary dips beneath the surface to explore the remains of a 300-year-old ship rumored to carry a precious cargo of gold, silver and riches plundered from the East Indies. Abandoned in the 17th century by notorious privateer Capt. William Kidd, the *Quedagh Merchant* went undiscovered until a team of 21st century archaeologists unearthed it using modern technology.

**Hollywood: An Empire of Their Own**

1998 NR 100 minutes

Based on Neal Gabler's best-selling book *An Empire of Their Own: How the Jews Invented Hollywood*, this program tells the story of movie moguls such as Paramount's Adolph Zucker, MGM's Louis B. Mayer and Universal's Carl Laemmle. Never-before-seen home movies, extensive clips and interviews with Laemmle, Leonard Maltin and many others help chronicle the history of the powerful men behind the curtain of Hollywood's biggest studios.
Jane Austen's Work

2005 NR 60 minutes

The third installment of a three-volume collection examining the life and work of English author Jane Austen provides an overview of the six books that shaped her career -- Sense and Sensibility, Pride and Prejudice, Mansfield Park, Emma, Persuasion and Northanger Abbey -- via narrated excerpts from each novel. In addition, we meet the real-life characters who may have inspired Austen's most famous literary heroes and heroines.

Occupied Minds

2005 NR 58 minutes

Two journalists -- one a Palestinian-American and the other an Israeli -- travel to Jerusalem, the city of their birth, to dig up solutions to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. While capturing the protagonists' emotional and physical journeys, this thought-provoking documentary also shares perspectives from a Palestinian activist, an Israeli soldier, a Palestinian gunman and an Israeli surgeon who lost his eyesight in a suicide bombing.

Real Pirates: Outlaws of the Sea

2006 NR 120 minutes

As long as there have been sailors, there have been pirates: This rousing docudrama provides an overview of the ocean's outlaws over the ages. From the heyday of pirates through present-day freebooters, the film sorts through legend and lore, facts and falsehoods to provide an in-depth look at the influence of pirates. Additional treasure includes previews for classic buccaneer flicks, matey!

Image of an Assassination: A New Look at the Zapruder Film

1998 NR 60 minutes

When Dallas dress manufacturer Abraham Zapruder filmed President Kennedy's motorcade, he expected to capture a moment he could share with his grandkids. Instead, he shot the 20th century's most famous 26-second celluloid sequence. This documentary includes a state-of-the-art, digital enhancement of the original footage and traces the story of the filming via interviews with Zapruder's business associates, National Archives staff and others.

War File: Battlefield: Destination Okinawa

2007 NR 104 minutes

For 82 days in 1945, Allied troops fought against Japan in the bloodiest battle of the Pacific Theater. This episode of the "Battlefield" series uses actual combat footage and the insights of historians for a comprehensive look at the conflict. The program covers all the key events in the Battle of Okinawa, from the 700-plane kamikaze raid against the United States Navy to the eventual taking of the island and the lead-up to the atomic bombing.

The Battle of Waterloo

1992 NR 55 minutes
Using dramatized reconstructions, reenactments and historical diaries, this fascinating video explores Napoleon Bonaparte's downfall at the pivotal Battle of Waterloo. On June 15, 1815, the once unbeatable ruler met the combined forces of the United Kingdom, Prussia, Russia and Austria -- countries determined to prove their supremacy -- and learned the wrath of those intent on defeating him once and for all.

**Barbarians II**

2007 NR 2 discs

This History Channel film explains how the civilized Roman culture was finally brought down by hordes of fearsome barbarians from the untamed wilds of northern Europe, and examines who they were and how they beat the best armies of the ancient world. Animated maps and live-action re-creations show how disorganized groups like the Vandals, Saxons, Franks and Lombards evolved from loose tribal groups to major powers.

**Samurai: Behind the Blade**

2008 NR 47 minutes

Japan's ancient samurai tradition is chronicled in this hourlong documentary, which looks to history, science and literature to answer questions about the legacy and mysterious lives of the warrior aristocracy. The film examines some of the truths behind the mask, including the samurais' preoccupation with death, their impressive mastery of fine arts and their code of honor -- which carried a heavy price.

**The Road to 9/11**

2005 NR 60 minutes

Beginning with the Ottoman Empire's collapse at the end of World War I, this enlightening documentary explores the reasons behind the Muslim world's uncompromising position against Western culture and the United States. Directed by Sabin Streeter, the film examines the Middle East's steady deterioration of social, political and economic circumstances; religious fanaticism's rise; and the escalation of Islamic terrorism.

**National Geographic: The Great Inca Rebellion**

2007 NR 53 minutes

This thought-provoking National Geographic program sheds new light on the long-held assumption that 16th-century Spanish conquistadors swiftly overtook the Incan empire with little resistance. Based on physical evidence recovered from the remains of those who died in battle and stunning reenactments produced with CGI animation, the program suggests that the Spanish assault on the ancient civilization may have lasted as long as 20 years.

**Unsolved History: Myths of Pearl Harbor**

2004 NR 90 minutes

Did you know that the first shots fired on the morning of December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, came from an American destroyer nearly an hour before the Japanese attack? The target: one of Japan's four secret "midget submarines," which were trying to penetrate the harbor netting. Learn more about this fascinating, little-known chapter of the "date which will live in infamy." Part of Discovery Channel's "Unsolved History" series.
Arabs and Terrorism

2006 NR 180 minutes

Part of an ambitious, exhaustive investigation into the phenomenon of terrorism, this probing and evenhanded look at this divisive issue features more than 100 politicians and experts sharing their views on the most controversial topic of our times. Also featured are hundreds more on-the-street interviews with average Americans, Europeans and Arabs, revealing the vast array of opinions that lies at the heart of this protracted problem.

Mahatma Gandhi: Pilgrim of Peace

1997 NR 50 minutes

Mahatma Gandhi's pacifist life, considered a paradox by many, is explored in this "Biography" profile that interviews Gandhi's grandson, Arun Gandhi. Also, in a rare interview, the Dalai Lama reflects on Gandhi's incredible life and enduring legacy.

Joseph Stalin: Red Terror

2004 NR 50 minutes

Joseph Stalin ranks as one of the greatest tyrants of all time, responsible for the deaths of 20 million of his own countrymen. This portrait revisits the life of "Uncle Joe" via Soviet archival film and an astonishing collection of interviews. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, the extent of Stalin's atrocities has been revealed, and he has taken his place alongside Hitler as one of the most reviled leaders of the 20th century.

The Fabulous '50s

2002 NR 107 minutes

What's the best way to revisit one of America's defining decades? Travel back to the 1950s -- the decade of the hula hoop, the Civil Rights movement, the Cold War -- by way of its music and movies for a fascinating history lesson. Includes interviews with the decade's top entertainers, including Frank Sinatra, Lucille Ball, Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley. Also includes a feature on vintage kitsch and top fads of the 1950s.

Abraham Lincoln: His Life and Legacy

2008 NR 4 discs

In this comprehensive review of Abraham Lincoln's iconic presidency, seven documentaries combine to tell the story of a tested leader who fought to preserve the unity of a United States that seemed hopelessly divided. Segments focus on Lincoln's humble upbringing in a one-room Kentucky cabin and his rise to political power; his use of cutting-edge technology to spy on the Confederacy; and his tragic assassination.

Fly Girls

1999 NR 56 minutes
Female World War II pilots are celebrated in this program chronicling the forgotten history of the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs). Archival footage, interviews and rare home movies help tell the story of the more than a thousand women who joined the U.S. military to serve their country at the peak of the war. From experimental test piloting to training male fliers, this program reveals the surprising true story of these unsung heroines.

**Iwo Jima: 36 Days of Hell**

2006 NR 3 discs

Follow the epic struggle of the thousands of U.S. soldiers engaged in the grueling 36-day battle at Iwo Jima with this documentary, which chronicles one of the bloodiest conflicts in the history of the Marines. Through photos, footage and other archival materials, this program presents the true story of Iwo Jima and the Marines, soldiers and sailors who fought insurmountable odds to wrest the island from Japan's control.

**Modern Marvels: Egyptian Pyramids**

2003 NR 50 minutes

This edition of the History Channel series travels back in time to explore the evolution of Egypt's pyramids -- from the first primitive efforts to the masterpieces of Giza -- to shed light on the mysteries that keep modern audiences fascinated. Originally constructed as tombs for the ancient pharaohs, more than 100 pyramids remain in Egypt. But so does one fundamental question: How were they built?

**Biblical Mysteries: Ark of the Covenant**

2001 NR 44 minutes

Biblical scholar turned archeology enthusiast Mike Sanders hosts this intriguing documentary that explores the history and whereabouts of the ancient tablets containing the Ten Commandments of the Old Testament. Following the clues from Scripture and history, Sanders journeys to the Palestinian village of Djaharya, where political machinations and terrorist activity add drama and danger to the search.

**Liberation**

1994 NR 100 minutes

Using rare archival footage, contemporary media reports and first-person accounts, this in-depth documentary chronicles the Allies' efforts as they plot to invade Germany and overthrow the Nazi regime during World War II. While examining the strategies that ultimately led to the liberation of Europe, the film also presents an indelible image of Hitler's atrocities against the Jews and other "enemies of the Volk."

**The Century of Warfare**

1994 NR 7 discs

Scintillating archival film footage adds heft to the most destructive century in human history: the 20th century. Join the U.S. front lines as crucial battles from World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm are waged and won.
Landmarks of Western Art: Impressionism and Post Impressionism

1999 NR 50 minutes

Blending cutting-edge computer graphics with footage from eminent galleries around the globe, this intriguing documentary traces the rise of the impressionist movement and its influence on future artists. Historians offer their insights on the impressionists, who created stirring but contentious paintings that transformed thinking in the art world. This volume features works by Vincent van Gogh, Edgar Degas, Paul Cézanne and Édouard Manet.

Soundtrack for a Revolution

2009 NR 82 minutes

Music was a powerful tool in the American civil rights movement, spreading a message that was difficult for many to hear and serving as an energizing force for nonviolent protest. This documentary celebrates that intersection of movement and music. Featuring new performances of freedom songs by artists such as Mary J. Blige, Wyclef Jean and John Legend, the film also includes archival footage and interviews with civil rights leaders.

10 Days to D-Day

2008 NR 100 minutes

From the high command to the barracks and tents of ordinary soldiers, this History Channel documentary reveals the gut-wrenching decisions and moments of terror on both sides of the English Channel in the 10 days preceding D-Day. The film combines dramatic re-creations of critical events with letters and diaries of soldiers, spies, paratroopers and others to paint a fascinating picture of this massive military operation.

Without the King

2007 NR 83 minutes

In this provocative documentary about Swaziland's ruling family -- the last absolute monarchy on the African continent -- King Mswati III faces myriad challenges as he governs a troubled, poverty- and AIDS-stricken country where the average life expectancy is 31 years. The film contrasts the royal family's lavish lifestyle with the meager existence of most of Swaziland's people, whose discontent has created the seeds of a revolutionary movement.

Mysteries of the Deep: Legendary Shipwrecks: Secrets of the Titanic

1986 NR 70 minutes

Martin Sheen hosts this fascinating documentary series produced by the award-winning National Geographic team. Plunge deep into the ocean and discover an eerie world of shipwrecks, steeped in secrets that hold the key to some of the most tragic maritime disasters in history. Includes "Secrets of the Titanic."

Mysteries of the Deep: Legendary Shipwrecks: Last Voyage of the Lusitania

1996 NR 52 minutes
Martin Sheen hosts this fascinating documentary series produced by the award-winning *National Geographic* team. Plunge deep into the ocean and discover an eerie world of shipwrecks, steeped in secrets that hold the key to some of the most tragic maritime disasters in history. Also includes "The Last Voyage of the Lusitania."

**The Race to the Moon**

2004 NR 2 discs

Decades ago, the Soviet Union and the United States, already engaged in the Cold War, became locked in a fierce battle to travel to the moon first -- no matter what the cost. Join the filmmakers in this documentary exploration of that contest, which spurred both countries to innovate and push for technological advances to bring man to outer space.

**Ken Burns' America: Thomas Hart Benton**

1988 NR 90 minutes

Master documentary filmmaker Ken Burns paints a vivid portrait of artist Thomas Hart Benton in this riveting film. Benton, known for his lulling renderings of the American countryside, emerges as a complicated man who stayed on the fringes of the New York art scene, eschewing it. The film features Benton's home movies and paintings, along with interviews with those who knew him personally and professionally.

**Secrets of War: Nazi Warfare**

1998 NR 104 minutes

Drawing on material contained in formerly classified archives, the two installments of the "Secrets of War" series on this video focus on the phony war, or "Sitzkrieg," that led up to the Nazi invasion of France and the French underground resistance movement that emerged after the country was invaded. Actor and former National Rifle Association spokesman Charlton Heston narrates, and veterans of the struggle provide insightful, dramatic commentary.

**Excellent Cadavers**

(In un altro paese)

2005 NR 92 minutes

Extolling the efforts of two gutsy prosecutors who risked everything for justice, this riveting documentary blows the whistle on the Sicilian Mafia, from its corruption of Italian business and politics to the deadly deeds of dons and their henchmen. Based on the book by Alexander Stille, director Marco Turco's exposé recounts the legal wars waged by Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino to root out the Cosa Nostra and end its grip on Sicily.

**Secrets of the Dead: Voyage of the Courtesans**

2005 NR 60 minutes

Relying on historical reenactments and archival materials, this installment of the "Secrets of the Dead" series recounts the voyage of the *Lady Juliana*, an 18th century British vessel that carried a cargo of con artists, thieves and prostitutes to Australia. But the fact that the passengers were women didn’t stop them from controlling their destinies: They transformed their exile into an opportunity by using their gender to turn a profit.
Before Stonewall

1984 NR 87 minutes

Life was very different before the 1969 Stonewall riots put the issue of gay rights front and center in America. Using archival films and interviews with gays and lesbians who were forced to hide their sexuality for fear of reprisals, this documentary by Robert Rosenberg, Greta Schiller and John Scagliotti sheds light on American gay life from the 1920s to the 1960s and the sociopolitical climate that finally led to profound change.

American Experience: The Crash of 1929

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2009 NR 60 minutes

This installment of PBS's "American Experience" explores the devastating stock market crash of 1929 through discussions with descendents of several Wall Street titans who manipulated the market and made millions in the 1920s. Interviewees include the families of Wall Street insider Jesse Livermore, stock specialist Michael Meehan and General Motors founder William Durant, as well as Groucho Marx's son, Arthur.

King Tutankhamun: The Mystery Unsealed

2005 NR 50 minutes

Combining commentary from renowned Egyptian scholars with meticulous computer animation, this History Channel documentary travels more than 3,000 years into the past to explore the world of the legendary King Tut. The program brings to life the never-before-seen details of Tut's tomb and also examines the folklore surrounding the boy king. Award-winning actor Frank Langella narrates this fascinating journey.

The True Glory

1945 NR 115 minutes

Representing the work of 1,400 cameramen (several of whom were killed or wounded while capturing battle footage), this stunning 1946 Oscar winner for Best Documentary closely examines the major events of World War II from D-Day to the fall of Berlin. Featuring an introduction by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and narration by actor Peter Ustinov, the film includes gripping firsthand accounts from soldiers and civilians.

Modern Marvels: The Great Wall of China

1997 NR 50 minutes

The Great Wall of China is great indeed. Visible even from space, it spans thousands of miles, cutting through mountains, valleys and rivers. And, it's generally believed that hundreds of workers died during its construction. No wonder it's steeped in myth and mystery, an aura that this episode from "Modern Marvels" attempts to explain with the help of leading historians, modern engineers and archival footage.
National Geographic: Stonehenge Decoded

2008 NR 90 minutes

Featuring intriguing interviews, reconstructions and narration by Donald Sutherland, this National Geographic documentary presents new evidence and a groundbreaking theory about the origin and purpose of the enigmatic Stonehenge. The finding of a lost city near the prehistoric structure has led an archaeological team headed by Prof. Mike Parker Pearson to posit that Stonehenge was the nucleus of one of the world's biggest religious centers.

Our Century: Okinawa: The Final Battle

1995 NR 50 minutes

World War II is filled with tales of valor and combat, and one of the bloodiest is the battle at Okinawa, where a quarter of a million soldiers fought in the waning days of the war. Viewers will learn about what unfolded from the men who were there, including Gen. Victor Krulak and Col. Joseph Alexander, who recall the tenacity of their Japanese enemies, the danger that seemed to lurk everywhere and the destruction that tore the city apart.

Echoes from the White House

2001 NR 60 minutes

Martin Sheen hosts this documentary that commemorates the 200th anniversary of the White House by taking an in-depth look at the beloved piece of American architecture and history and examining artifacts from various presidents. Letters, memos and journal entries bring to light the inside details of the good, the bad and the ugly that's taken place within the White House's great halls over the past 200 years.

Russian Empire: Vol. 1

2004 NR 2 discs

The result of an enormous undertaking by filmmaker Leonid Parfyonov, this sweeping series produced for Russian television celebrates the tricentennial of the Russian Empire (born with the founding of Saint Petersburg in 1703 by Czar Peter the Great). Documenting the empire's fascinating personal history in living color, this installment (the first of four volumes) examines the contributions of two of "the greats": Peter I and Catherine I.

Russians Deprived of Russia

2004 NR 2 discs

Tracing the lives of famous Russians who were part of the first wave of emigration during the country's bloody civil war, this fascinating documentary examines their individual motives for leaving home and their challenges starting afresh in a new land. Chapters focus on Gen. Petr Nikolaevich Vrangel, Gen. Anton Denikin and Adm. Alexander Kolchak of the White Russian Volunteer Army; writer Ivan Shmelev; and poet Nikolai Turoverov.

Edison: The Invention of the Movies

1891 NR 4 discs
This fascinating set tells the history of the Edison Company and the invention of the motion picture. The collection features 140 complete Edison Company films from 1891-1918, restored and set to music; more than 200 scans from MOMA'S Edison Collection, including script fragments, interoffice memos and promotions; film-by-film program notes by expert Charles Musser; hours of interviews with archivists and scholars; and more

Ken Burns' America: The Statue of Liberty

1985 NR 60 minutes

The history of the Statue of Liberty is filled with complicated logistics and touching anecdotes, and filmmaker Ken Burns presents an Oscar-nominated portrait of this great lady. Follow her life, from her creation by French sculptor Auguste Bartholdi, through her painstaking construction and accident-prone dedication in 1886. Interviews with ordinary Americans reveal a deep understanding of the unique place the statue holds in our hearts.

The First Olympics: Blood, Honor and Glory

2004 NR 137 minutes

The first Olympics held in Greece literally centered on survival of the fittest. Discover the gory beginnings of this celebration of athletic skill and prowess, which featured events such as Pankration, a bloody blend of boxing and wrestling.

Hannibal

1996 NR 50 minutes

Considered one of history’s great military geniuses, Hannibal cemented his legendary status during the Punic Wars. The Carthaginian famously led his troops on a 15-day journey across the Alps to swiftly defeat the Romans. Among the likes of military giants Alexander the Great and Julius Caesar, Hannibal remained undefeated after conquering the Romans at Trebia and Cannae -- until 203 B.C., when his forces were annihilated by Scipio.

Secrets of Lost Empires: Nova

1997 NR 3 discs

Uncover the secrets of ancient civilizations in this "Nova" special by visiting five sites and watching the experts at work. Archaeologists, engineers and historians explore Incan villages and bridges, attempt to replicate the canopy that covered the Roman Colosseum, and use Stone Age tools to create a Stonehenge-like structure. They also test construction theories by erecting an 18-foot stone pyramid and building an obelisk without modern tools.

The Massachusetts 54th Colored Infantry: American Experience

2005 NR 56 minutes

Narrated by Morgan Freeman and peppered with historical tintypes and expert commentary, this documentary tells the story of the Massachusetts 54th Colored Infantry, the first all-black Union regiment depicted in the multiple Oscar-winning film Glory. The 54th was given the most dangerous assignments, and they fought valiantly to prove to the commanders and the rest of the country that black Americans had what it took to be first-class soldiers.
The Magic of Flight: IMAX

1996 NR 40 minutes

From the Wright brothers' first rudimentary experiments at Kitty Hawk to the rigorous training of today's U.S. Navy's Blue Angels, this mind-boggling documentary deftly navigates the history of aviation. Cameras mounted on planes' bellies, noses and cockpits provide an up-close view of what the amazing flying machines are capable of as well as the camerawork necessary to capture it on film. Tom Selleck narrates.

Sputnik Mania

2007 NR 87 minutes

This documentary chronicles the circumstances surrounding the launch of the Sputnik satellite 50 years ago and how it well might have spawned nuclear world warfare had it not been for the intervention of two former generals. An examination of relevant history, including newly available documents from the former Soviet Union, helps to shed light on this seminal near-catastrophe and the grave implications it might have had on our world.

Connections 3

1979 NR 5 discs

Intrepid host James Burke connects the seemingly random dots between one scientific or historical event and another, creating a fascinating, weblike tableau of the past in this popular Learning Channel series. Learn how the invention of the superconductor and the study of oceans are linked, and how the exploration of a plethora of other topics, including geysers and handwriting analysis, helped shape the world as we know it today.

Oswald's Ghost

2007 NR 90 minutes

Renowned director Robert Stone explores the facts and myths surrounding the assassination of John F. Kennedy and delves into the mind and mystery of assassin Lee Harvey Oswald in this fascinating documentary. Rare archival material and interviews with famous figures -- including authors Norman Mailer and Edward J. Epstein, politician Gary Hart, activist Tom Hayden and attorney Mark Lane -- shed light on this tragic chapter in American history.

The Pyramid Code

2005 NR 5 episodes

How was the scientific understanding of the ancients so advanced? A team of geologists, archaeologists, engineers and writers answer this and other questions in this fascinating series. Based on the research of the University of Calgary's Dr. Carmen Boulter, the program explores how humans were able to erect massive pyramids and other hulking monoliths -- not just in Egypt but around the world -- millennia before the invention of power tools.

The Mummy Who Would Be King

2004 NR 60 minutes
Could a decaying mummy found tucked away on a shelf in a Niagara Falls museum be the remains of a notable Egyptian pharaoh? This documentary explores the possibility as it traces the intriguing path that brought the mummy to America more than 150 years ago, and details the cutting-edge techniques used by archaeologists to determine whether the mummified body is that of Rameses I, founder of ancient Egypt's powerful 19th dynasty.

**Television Under the Swastika**

*(Fernsehen unter dem Hakenkreuz, Das)*

1999 NR

This fascinating and often amusing documentary uses 285 discovered reels of film to trace the groundbreaking Nazi television network during World War II, with programming ranging from interviews and sporting events to cooking shows and teleplays. Recognizing the propaganda potential of the new medium, the Nazis launched their network in 1935, beating the rest of the world in the technological advances that allowed average citizens access to TV.

**Mahatma Gandhi: The Life and Times of a Modern Legend**

2008 NR 60 minutes

Through peaceful civil disobedience, Mahatma Gandhi fought to alleviate poverty, liberate women, end discrimination and free India from British rule. This documentary explores Gandhi's impressive life and his important message of nonviolence. Gandhi's tremendous leadership and noble acts of passive resistance helped India achieve its independence in 1947, one year before he was tragically assassinated.

**America 1900**

2006 NR 180 minutes

Explore life in America at the turn of the 20th century with this comprehensive documentary from PBS. The mood in the country in 1900 combined optimism about progress with turmoil over social issues. Covering rapid technological advances; increasing racism; contentious public debate on sex and morality; immigration; and U.S. troops in Asia, the program details America's search for a national identity and rise as a world power.

**Che Guevara: Hasta la Victoria Siempre**

2008 NR 60 minutes

The story of Ernesto Guevara de la Serna is chronicled through historic footage in this documentary, which follows the revolutionary from his early days in South and Central America to his involvement in the Cuban revolution and beyond. After participating in the Congolese guerilla war, the elusive Guevara headed to Bolivia in the late 1960s to foment an uprising. In Bolivia, Guevara was captured by a Special Forces unit and executed.

**Crossing the Line**

2006 NR 90 minutes

Christian Slater narrates director Daniel Gordon's intriguing political documentary about a U.S. Army defector who abandoned his country to become a citizen of North Korea. More than 40 years after crossing the border during the Cold War, former Pfc. James
Dresnok speaks with Gordon in the city of Pyongyang. This 2007 Sundance Film Festival competition entry is an intimate look inside the mind of a democracy defender turned loyal communist.

**Where's Amelia Earhart?**

2009 NR 50 minutes

This National Geographic documentary examines controversial but persistent theories regarding the fate of Amelia Earhart, the plucky American aviatrix who vanished over the Pacific Ocean in 1937 during an attempt to fly around the globe. Researchers present eyewitness accounts and other evidence that Earhart's flight was in fact a mission to spy on the Japanese military, who captured Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan on a remote Pacific island.

**Science of the Bible**

2006 NR 3 discs

Experts pursue the truth behind such famous Bible stories as the Last Supper, the first Christmas, Jesus's arrest, the Crucifixion and more to uncover the scientific underpinnings of the stories at the heart of the Scriptures. Traveling to the Holy Land in a journey back in time, forensic detectives, scientists, historians and archaeologists join forces in this National Geographic Channel presentation.

**One Fast Move or I'm Gone: Kerouac's Big Sur**

2008 NR 130 minutes

Documentary filmmaker Curt Worden retraces the steps of prolific beat author Jack Kerouac, who fled to a remote cabin in Big Sur, Calif., to escape the notoriety he gained after the release of *On the Road*, his groundbreaking book. Kerouac's own words plus recollections from contemporary artists such as Lawrence Ferlinghetti and Patti Smith reveal how the writer's attempt to find peace only intensified his struggles with alcohol and depression.

**When the Moors Ruled in Europe**

2005 NR 101 minutes

In this engrossing documentary, historian Bettany Hughes turns her attention to the mystery surrounding the Moors' 700-year reign over the Iberian Peninsula and the subsequent effect of Islamic culture on Western Europe. Drawing upon new archeological discoveries, Hughes and distinguished scholars discuss how the Moors' achievements in mathematics, art and other fields helped the West move from the Dark Ages to the Renaissance.

**SS United States: Lady in Waiting**

2008 TV-G 57 minutes

Giving an in-depth look at the design and construction of the *SS United States*, this documentary also covers her glory days and eventual decline into obscurity. Rare archival footage plus interviews with journalist Walter Cronkite, artist LeRoy Neiman, maritime historian William H. Miller Jr., and noted crew and passengers tell the tale of what many consider to be the greatest American ocean liner of all time.
Civil War Life: Left for Dead

2002 NR 50 minutes

"Civil War Life" is a six-part series that examines the American Civil War from an insider's point of view, with first-person accounts and never-before-seen period photos. "Left for Dead" tells the story of Ohio schoolteacher Oscar L. Jackson, who formed his own regiment and was engaged in some of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War -- only to be shot in the face and left for dead.

National Geographic: Empress of Ambition

2006 NR 90 minutes

Explore the remarkable story of Catherine the Great, from her humble beginnings in Germany to her rise to prominence as empress of Russia in the 18th century. Stunning cinematography enhances the reenactments that trace the epic events and numerous scandals of one of history's most controversial figures. Part of National Geographic's "Icons of Power" series, this absorbing documentary sheds light on the life and reign of the celebrated empress.

The Conquerors

2005 NR 3 discs

Former U.S. Marine Capt. Dale Dye is your host on a long walk through time in this History Channel series, presenting a documentary tour de force on the world's greatest battles and the fearless men who fought them -- from King David and El Cid to Napoleon and Julius Caesar. Moving through history, the film also chronicles the developments in man-made technology that made the conquering of foreign lands ever easier to achieve.

Berkeley in the Sixties

1990 NR 117 minutes

University of California, Berkeley, alumni recount how their quiet school became the epicenter of 1960s campus activism, starting with the free speech movement and evolving into organized opposition to the Vietnam War. The students also championed civil rights, the women's movement and the Black Panther party. Archival footage is interwoven with present-day interviews and songs by the Grateful Dead, Jimi Hendrix, Joan Baez and Jefferson Airplane.

Frost/Nixon: The Complete Interviews

1977 NR 2 discs

The historic David Frost/Richard Nixon interviews that riveted viewers for four nights in May 1977 and inspired both a Tony-winning play and an Oscar-nominated film are offered in their entirety in this intriguing look back at history. After agreeing to be interviewed without screening any questions in advance, Nixon sat down with the British journalist to candidly discuss the Cold War, Vietnam and -- most notoriously -- the Watergate scandal.

African American Lives 2

2007 NR 240 minutes
Harvard University Prof. Henry Gates Jr. serves as host for this intriguing documentary that uses DNA testing, genealogical research and family histories to trace the ancestry of prominent African-Americans, including Morgan Freeman and Maya Angelou. Among the others who discover their family tree roots are actor Don Cheadle, Olympian Jackie Joyner-Kersee, singer Tina Turner, funnyman Chris Rock and radio personality Tom Joyner.

**Egypt: Rediscovering a Lost World**

2006 NR 2 discs

Relive the splendor of ancient Egypt through the eyes of three of its greatest explorers. Through dramatic re-enactments, you'll experience Italian explorer Giovanni Battista Belzoni's removal of the colossal bust of Ramses II from the pharaoh's memorial temple in Thebes in 1815, Jean-Francois Champollion's translation of the Rosetta stone in 1824 and English archeologist Howard Carter's discovery of King Tut's tomb in 1922.

**Beyond the Da Vinci Code**

2005 NR 90 minutes

This thought-provoking, hour-long documentary produced by the History Channel examines the controversial views about Christianity that are posited in Dan Brown's best-selling novel *The Da Vinci Code*. From whether Jesus Christ wed Mary Magdalene to the existence of a clandestine society that protects its progeny, the film evaluates Brown's ideas, including the notion that the truth about Christ's life is encoded in Leonardo da Vinci's masterworks.

**Secrets of Lost Empires II: Nova**

2000 NR 3 discs

This intriguing edition of the "Nova" series follows collaborative teams of archaeologists, engineers and historians as they journey from the Orient to the Occident to reproduce five architectural wonders of antiquity. Among the marvels are Easter Island's massive stone sentinels, the *moai*; China's rainbow bridges; a 500-ton granite obelisk in Egypt; Italy's famed Roman bathhouses; and the trebuchet, a medieval weapon of mass destruction.

**Celsius 41.11**

2004 NR 60 minutes

From producers Lionel Chetwynd and Ted Steinberg comes this conservative answer to what they deem to be lies and deceptions presented in Michael Moore's controversial 2004 documentary *Fahrenheit 9/11*. The title alludes to "the temperature at which the brain deteriorates from heat -- in this case, from Moore's left-wing rhetoric," according to Chetwynd. Included are appearances by, among others, Fred Thompson, pundit Fred Barnes and Michael Medved.

**Clans of Scotland**

2007 NR 3 discs

Presenter Paul Murton uses historical and modern-day locations, the stunning drama of Scotland's scenery and the testimony of present-day descendants to explore defining moments in the fierce and bloody history of Scotland's clans. Focusing on major characters and events, each episode throws light on one of Scotland's most famous clans: their origins, traditions, ancient hatreds, military prowess and battles to survive extermination and exile.
Darwin: The Voyage That Shook the World

2009 NR 52 minutes

Combining dramatic reenactments and commentary from a variety of scholars, this documentary scrutinizes Charles Darwin's 1831-1836 voyage on the HMS Beagle, during which the young scientist hit upon his theory of natural selection. Proposing that Darwin's ideas as described in his 1859 book On the Origin of Species may be flawed, this film from Creation Ministries International offers a fresh look at an enduring controversy.

Secrets of World War II

1998 NR 4 discs

In this four-part BBC series, the secret stories of World War II are exposed with the help of first-person anecdotes from average men and women who share their experiences running missions that were often carried out below the radar. Segments reveal the truth about Adolf Hitler's final days, the cracking of the Enigma code, the use of human torpedoes, the destruction of German oil fields and the fate of German field marshal Erwin Rommel.

The History Channel Presents: Troy: Unearthing the Legend

2004 NR 2 discs

This collection of documentaries from the History Channel explores two classical Greek civilizations, unearthing details on Sparta and its warriors at the Battle of Thermopylae, as well as examining the great Trojan War to separate fact from legend. Interviews and reenactments bolster the lasting influence of these events on western civilization, from Homer's literary epic, The Iliad, to modern military methods inspired by ancient Greek tactics.

Radio Bikini

1987 NR 56 minutes

Nominated for an Academy Award, this documentary tells the eye-opening story of Bikini Atoll -- one of the most terrifying tragedies of the nuclear age. The peaceful Pacific island was the unwitting site of atomic bomb tests conducted by the United States in 1946; extraordinary archival footage reveals the stark reality of these tests, which left the island uninhabitable for 40 years and exposed thousands of sailors to heavy doses of radiation.

Speaking Freely: Vol. 2: Susan George

2007 NR 52 minutes

Join award-winning scholar Susan George for an enlightening hour as she reveals the forces at work behind the problems that plague our global community today, such as poverty and unfair international trade practices. Far from a dry lecture, her talk traces the intriguing history behind the politics of empire building with a freedom, depth and élan you won't find on the 6 o'clock news. Beware: This presentation is dangerous to complacency!

Vampire Secrets
Learn the terrifying truth about vampires, the bloodsucking fiends that have been a staple of Hollywood horror films after emerging from popular folklore dating back more than 1,000 years. This fascinating historical study explains the cultural impact of Bram Stoker's classic novel *Dracula*, traces the origin of several common superstitions and reveals the connection between the ancient vampire myths of Europe, Greece and China.

The human character of American heroes has remained unchanged for 140 years. This series explores the everyday heroes of the Civil War through the personal stories of those who lived, loved, fought and died for their cause. Entries from personal diaries and letters to home reveal the real stories behind the battles found in the history books. The series comprises 39 documentary-style vignettes, approximately 4-8 minutes in length.

In this hourlong documentary, filmmaker Jeff Adachi salutes groundbreaking entertainers while turning a critical lens on the ways in which American cinema has depicted Asian men. Segments focus on the career arcs of playwright Frank Chin ("The Year of the Dragon"); producer Terence Chang (Bulletproof Monk); actors Dustin Nguyen ("21 Jump Street") and James Shigeta (Flower Drum Song); and comedian Bobby Lee ("Mad TV").

Drawing on recent controversial historical evidence and presenting a variety of views from a dozen theologians, historians and archaeologists, this compelling "Frontline" series explores the origins of Christianity and the life and death of Jesus. Topics include the influence of Judaism and the Roman Empire on Jesus' life, the rise of Christianity, the writing of the Gospels and the early challenges facing the fledgling Christian religion.

Part of a series documenting the history of the Mafia in America, Coming to America/Al Capone covers how the Italian mafia immigrated to America and got the family business up and running. Mafia kingpin Al Capone's life story is told in the second portion of this disc, from his early days as a young gangster and his reign as Chicago's most infamous Prohibition-era bootlegger and mob boss to his inevitable incarceration in Alcatraz prison.

Wartime forces people to make rushed decisions, but as this fascinating series explains, only the most arrogant military minds ignore common sense by making classic strategic blunders, usually with tragic consequences. The show uses historical footage and insightful
narration by scholars to explain how blunders such as Adolph Hitler's siege of Stalingrad and Japanese intelligence failures at Midway changed the course of World War II.

**RFK: His Life and Legacy**

2009 NR 200 minutes

A national symbol of hope and promise during the turbulent 1960s, Bobby Kennedy stood on the brink of political greatness when he was tragically murdered. This program explores his life and legacy through interviews and rare archival footage. Having served as a U.S. senator, attorney general and trusted presidential adviser, RFK was seeking the Democratic nomination for president when he was ruthlessly gunned down in 1968.

**Ted Kennedy: Tragedy, Scandal and Redemption**

2008 NR 60 minutes

Nicknamed "the Lion of the Senate," Ted Kennedy was destined to carry on his family's renowned legacy of dedicated public service. But for all his political prominence, the senator from Massachusetts has led a life marked by tragedy and scandal. Through interviews with friends, family and colleagues, this comprehensive biographical portrait reveals the many facets of one of the great icons of the Democratic Party.

**Empires of Industry: Cola Wars**

2000 NR 50 minutes

Sold in cans, bottles and fountain style, soda is available just about everywhere on the planet, with the industry's two corporate giants -- the Coca-Cola Co. and Pepsico Inc. --duking it out for supremacy. Featuring commentary from noted cola experts, this installment of "Empires of Industry" traces the companies' ongoing battle for market share and their insistence on spending billions to hawk their products.

**The Great Transatlantic Cable: American Experience**

2005 NR 60 minutes

This edition of the "American Experience" series focuses on one of the greatest engineering marvels of the 19th century: the laying of the undersea transatlantic cable between the United States and Great Britain. It took 12 years (1854-66) for project head Cyrus Field (a New York paper magnate) and his associates to finish the job of laying nearly 2,000 miles of cable across the Atlantic Ocean (often at a depth of three miles).

**Treasures from American Film Archives: Vol. 3**

2007 NR 4 discs

America's prominent film archives open their vaults with this collection of more than 40 restored short films reflecting the social issues of the early 20th century. These rarely seen documentaries, newsreels, cartoons and serials cover topics ranging from women's suffrage and racism to crime and juvenile delinquency. Each reveals a contemporary view of the country as it struggled through a period of tremendous change.
**Mussolini: Italy's Nightmare**

1995 NR 50 minutes

In this revealing DVD, rare photos and newsreels tell the story of Benito Mussolini's life, from his days as a class bully to the creation of the dreaded black shirt brigades. Eyewitness experts reveal how the Italian dictator's alliance with Hitler ultimately destroyed his country and led to his execution and mutilation by Italian partisans. Contemporary observers explore his renewed popularity and the shocking return of fascism to Italy today.

**In Search of Ancient Ireland**

2002 NR 161 minutes

Head to the Emerald Isle for this intriguing history lesson, spanning centuries from the first Irish and the reign of the Vikings in Dublin to how the English took over the country. The series is presented in three parts. "Heroes" looks at the legendary warriors and rulers of Erin; "Saints" explores the importance of Christianity in the nation; and "Warlords" covers the constant battles upon the land and the development of the Vikings.

**The Real Wolfman**

2009 TV-PG 94 minutes

Hollywood's fascination with werewolves has fueled a galaxy of scary movies, but the centuries-old legend that inspired them may be the most horrific of all. In the 1700s, more than 100 French villagers were mauled to death by a mysterious creature. A cryptozoologist and a criminal profiler combine their talents in this fascinating study of both the original incident and the hold werewolves continue to exert on our imaginations.

**In Search of History: Scourge of the Black Death**

2005 NR 50 minutes

In an age when medicine is making amazing gains, could a new disease as deadly as the plague reappear? This comprehensive History Channel documentary explores the possibility of just such an occurrence. The program traces the black death's still-murky origins; its devastating spread across Egypt, Asia Minor and eventually Europe; and the scourge's lasting consequences. In addition, scientists discuss the most recent breakthroughs in the fight to prevent a pandemic.

**Apollo 8: Leaving the Cradle**

(Part of the Spacecraft Films series)

2003 NR 3 discs

America's first manned lunar orbit from launch to splashdown is exhaustively covered via comprehensive footage of the Apollo 8 mission. This installment of Fox's Spacecraft Film series features the TV downlink including the famous Christmas Eve broadcast, all on-board 16mm films, close-up views of the moon from lunar orbit, multi-angle views of the launch and astronaut commentaries.

**The Murder of JFK: A Revisionist History**

1999 NR 180 minutes
Diving headfirst into the theories surrounding the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy, this fascinating program looks at the tragedy in light of the Cold War and America's political and cultural climate at the time. Special features include the first digital rendering of the famous Zapruder film, the only known color footage of Lee Harvey Oswald and a surprising link between Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho and the FBI's report on Oswald.

**Nobody Listened**
(Nadie escuchaba)
1984 NR 117 minutes
This critically acclaimed documentary tracks the lengthy career of Fidel Castro, who, as Cuba's ruling hand for 45 years, has maintained his status as one of the most notorious individuals in history. Highlighted are some of the cruel methods Castro has used in order to continue his extended reign. The truth is revealed through personal accounts from Communist party leaders, supporters of ex-dictator Batista, writers and scholars.

**Apocalypse Africa: Made in America**
2008 NR 72 minutes
Journalist Del Walters's documentary explores secret recordings, classified films and other archival evidence that suggest the United States' involvement in the downfall of Africa, including genocidal wars in Darfur, Uganda and Rwanda. Through top-secret data, hidden documents and other sources obtained from government archives, this film reveals links between the destruction of Africa and those who influence American foreign policy.

**Armageddon: Exploring the Doomsday Myth**
2004 NR 2 discs
Several ancient texts -- including the Mayan calendar and the Chinese I Ching -- foretell that the end of the world will come on December 21, 2012. These four programs examine both ancient and contemporary sources that single out this date. Experts weigh in on potential doomsday scenarios, including threats arising from nuclear weapons, global warming, viral epidemics, bioterrorism, destructive technologies and more.

**Secrets of the Dead: D-Day: The Ultimate Conflict**
2004 NR 95 minutes
Using epic-scale drama to tell a factual story, this film reveals how the D-Day attack of World War II was planned and executed, not only by the greatest military minds and fearless soldiers but also by a maverick collection of inventors toiling away behind the scenes. Features painstaking reconstructions, interviews and archive footage that detail the incredible minds and machines behind the greatest amphibious invasion in history.

**The Good Fight**
(The Abraham Lincoln Brigade in the Spanish Civil War)
1984 NR 98 minutes
During the Spanish Civil War, thousands of Americans fought to end fascism, only to return home and be unfairly blacklisted as communist supporters. Narrated by Studs Terkel, this documentary tells the forgotten stories of these misunderstood heroes. Newsreel footage, archival photographs and interviews with surviving veterans shed new light on these brave civilian soldiers' amazing struggle for democracy.

The Incredible Discovery of Noah's Ark

1992 NR 90 minutes

Actor Darren McGavin hosts this investigation into the mystery of Noah's ark in this engrossing program. The show examines the discovery of a 5,000-year-old wooden ship on a remote mountain top in Eastern Turkey. Outfitted with what appear to be stalls and cages for animals, could this ship actually be the famed biblical vessel? Scientists investigate using cutting-edge technology and satellite imagery, resulting in some provocative findings.

Black Indians: An American Story

2004 NR 60 minutes

James Earl Jones narrates this examination of the historical relationship between American Indians and African-Americans, who often merged their cultures to work and live together while mainstream white society shunned them. Through illuminating anecdotes and interviews, descendants of fused black and Indian families discuss the complications of their mixed heritage and how their culture was largely erased on official documents.

Broken Silence

2002 NR 283 minutes

Presented by Steven Spielberg and the Shoah Visual History Foundation, this series of five historical films about human courage, heroism and triumph during World War II includes gripping testaments given by survivors of the Holocaust. The films were produced by Academy Award winner James Moll and directed by filmmakers from Argentina, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary and Russia.

Broadway: The Golden Age

2004 NR 111 minutes

When director Rick McKay travels the world researching the golden age of stage, he realizes that while masterpieces in film and literature can live on through restoration and reprints, the remarkable moments onstage are difficult to save. Through interviews with entertainment legends, McKay tells the story of Broadway from its beginnings to the renowned art form it is today. Angela Lansbury, Tony Roberts, Edie Adams and more make appearances.

The History Channel Presents: The Statue of Liberty

1994 NR 50 minutes

Standing regally in New York harbor, Lady Liberty has been a beacon of hope to impoverished immigrants for more than 100 years. This History Channel documentary recounts the story of how the statue -- an engineering marvel then and now -- was created in France. Rare footage and archival photos document the cutting-edge methods the French devised for shaping this massive sculpture and transporting it to its new home in America.
Samurai: The Last Warrior

2004 NR 60 minutes

Historical experts offer their insight to this fascinating exploration of the legend of the samurai warrior that strives to separate fact from fiction and uphold a legacy of honor. Segments focus on the origins of the concept of a warrior-priest, the guiding principles of samurai philosophies and the unique fighting skills that made them legendary on the battlefield.

Desperate Crossing: The Untold Story of the Mayflower

2006 NR 143 minutes

Drawing scenes and dialogue from the records of participants and eyewitnesses, this first-rate documentary meticulously re-creates the saga of the Pilgrims, from their extraordinary Mayflower crossing to their encounters with Native Americans. Featuring a cast of actors from the Royal Shakespeare Company, the program was filmed at Plimoth Plantation in Massachusetts and locations in England, Belgium, Maryland and Virginia.

ESPN: Black Magic

2008 NR 224 minutes

Filmmaker Dan Klores links the rise of the United States civil rights movement to the history of African American basketball players and coaches at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Narrated by actor Samuel L. Jackson and musician Wynton Marsalis, this documentary explores the intersection of sports and culture through game footage and interviews with players such as Willis Reed and Dick Barnett.

Suicide Killers

2007 NR 80 minutes

We hear about them on the news, yet we know so little about them. Now, learn about suicide bombers through revealing interviews with their family members -- and from those who've made the attempt and been caught. Actual footage follows one bomber as he prepares for a mission. See the truth behind a little-understood aspect of terrorism, what motivates suicide bombers and their methods and means.

Johnstown Flood

2003 NR 84 minutes

May 31, 1889, marked the day that the South Fork Dam burst, causing one of the most horrific disasters in American history. The city of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, was consumed by a 40-foot wall of water that raced through its streets, killing 2,200 people along the way. Narrated by actor Richard Dreyfuss, this film conveys the panic and heartache of survivors who watched as Johnstown was left in ruins.

Reclaiming the Blade

2008 NR 78 minutes
Explore the history of the sword in this cutting-edge documentary, which traverses the globe to interview archaeologists, research scientists and martial arts experts from Europe, the United States and Asia. Special guests include Hollywood fight choreographer Bob Anderson, historical fencing expert John Clements, illustrator and conceptual designer John Howe and swashbuckling actor Viggo Mortensen. John Rhys-Davies narrates.

**Jimmy Carter: American Experience**

2002 NR 2 episodes

In the wake of Watergate, disaffected Americans wanted a presidential candidate who could provide a salve for hard times. Jimmy Carter delivered, in the form of a positive outlook for the country's future and a humility that could only come from small-town roots. This installment of the "American Experience" series explores Carter's rise from a humble peanut farmer to governor of Georgia and, eventually, president of the United States.

**Civil War Combat: America's Bloodiest Battles**

2000 NR 2 discs

Using interviews with Civil War experts, re-enactment footage and stirring recitations of correspondence and diaries, Civil War Combat brings to life the most crucial conflicts of the War Between the States. These encounters played a seminal role in deciding the result of America's most devastating war, which produced unparalleled casualties. Each episode covers a particular killing field, chronicling the battle progression and key combatants.

**American Experience: Minik: The Lost Eskimo**

2006 NR 60 minutes

This episode of the PBS series provides a provocative look at the collision of race, culture and the burgeoning science of anthropology as it recounts the life of Minik, a Greenland Inuit who came to America in 1897 courtesy of explorer Robert Peary. Considered an uncommon species at the time, 7-year-old Minik and four other Eskimos were taken to New York City for study at the American Museum of Natural History.

**Rome: Power & Glory**

2000 NR 2 discs

With reenactments, ancient monuments, period art and writing, this series presents the complete history of Rome, from its primitive beginnings to the height of its glory, its eventual decline and its legacies today. Rome was once a thriving empire, an epicenter of culture, commerce and politics. But as wars chipped away at its territory and outer strength, a crumbling infrastructure and systemic corruption made it crumble from the inside.

**Titanica: IMAX**

1995 NR 67 minutes

Titanica follows a 1992 expedition to the wreck of the Titanic, the "unsinkable" luxury liner that collided with an iceberg and sank in 1912. Survivor Eva Hart's memories add a human element to this documentary narrated by Leonard Nimoy. Combining beautifully preserved archival photography, Hart's recollections and spectacular underwater footage of the shattered remains, Titanica brings to life a remarkable tale of history and human folly.
**Attila '74: The Rape of Cyprus**

1975 NR 101 minutes

This documentary by Cyprus-born filmmaker Michael Cacoyannis tells a story close to the director's heart: It explores Turkey's 1974 invasion of the tiny island of Cyprus, whose sovereignty has been disputed ever since it gained independence from the United Kingdom in 1960. Trampled underfoot in the battle between Greece and Turkey, the people of Cyprus won't soon forget the toll the invasion took on their tiny island nation.

**Greatest Presidents of the United States**

2005 NR 76 minutes

Among the 43 former U.S. presidents, a handful of leaders stands out. This educational program highlights the achievements of the most noteworthy Americans to sit in the Oval Office, each of whom is credited with helping to establish the United States as a veritable superpower with long-reaching influence. Featured commanders in chief include Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman and John F. Kennedy.

**NBC News Presents: Secrets to the Code**

2006 NR 74 minutes

Veteran NBC journalist Stone Phillips searches for the history behind the hype of author Dan Brown's mega-best-selling novel *The Da Vinci Code*. Did Jesus really marry Mary Magdalene? Did they have a child? Have religious leaders and other important historical figures conspired for 2,000 years to keep it all secret? Follow Phillips as he travels to key sites throughout the Middle East and Europe to unmask the secrets of *The Da Vinci Code*.

**500 Years Later**

2005 NR 108 minutes

Filmmaker Owen Alik Shahadah explores the tragic legacy of the forced migration of untold thousands of Africans from their homeland and the unique challenges that have resulted from this displacement. Through penetrating interviews with scholars and laypeople alike -- and ranging from the United States to London to Barbados -- this unflinching documentary sheds new light on the problems of racial inequalities, poverty and oppression.

**The Temple Mount Is Mine**

2008 NR 104 minutes

Jerusalem's Temple Mount, held sacred by Judaism, Christianity and Islam, is the setting of some of history's most bloody and passionate confrontations. Containing the first footage shot on and beneath the Temple Mount since the beginning of the intifada in 2000, this documentary investigates the historical impetus for contemporary clashes and considers the future of this sacred gathering place.

**P.O.W.'s of The Reich: Prisoners of The Reich**
Harrowing tales of survival and valor resonate in this powerful documentary, as World War II airmen and soldiers give firsthand accounts of Nazi prison camps and the horrors of facing hunger, abuse and an unknown fate. Tales of enemy interrogations, attempted escapes, coveted Red Cross packages, long-awaited liberation and more offer absorbing perspectives on this often overlooked piece of history.

**Of Time and the City**

2008 NR 74 minutes

Filmmaker Terence Davies takes a nostalgic look at his birthplace of Liverpool, England, and explores the phenomenon of childhood memories unrequited by time and progress in this film essay. In addition to serving as an artistic and poetic ode to a Liverpool gone by, the film offers an inimitable perspective of the city through a mixture of archive footage and new shots, evocative music and Davies' poetry-like narration.

**Tibetan Refugee**

2004 NR 55 minutes

Why do thousands seek refuge in Dharamsala, even though the journey there is difficult and even dangerous? They want to find the Dalai Lama and be able to practice their religion, in spite of the Chinese government's attempts to quash their collective spirit. This documentary chronicles their experience, especially that of singer Yungchen Lhamo, who's presented to her audience at a concert in Central Park by Buddhism expert Robert Thurman.

**Vietnam War Secrets**

2008 NR 4 discs

One of America's most contentiously debated conflicts is reassessed in this deeply researched investigation. Producer Edward Rasen uses documents released by the U.S. Department of Defense to build his case that the public was never told certain troubling truths about the Vietnam War. Interviews with CIA analysts and other U.S. officials, as well as with Vietnamese leaders, are interspersed with rarely seen archival footage.

**The History Makers of World War II: Churchill and the Fight for Freedom**

2007 NR 60 minutes

Nobody symbolized the steady resolve of the British people during World War II more than Winston Churchill. This penetrating study chronicles Churchill's life from his birth through his military career and his uncompromising fight against Hitler. Featuring archival footage, this installment of The History Makers of World War II series promises to enlighten and entertain history enthusiasts.

**Combat Ready**

2007 NR 89 minutes

This two-part program takes you behind the scenes as military personnel prepare for combat in Iraq and other wartime operations. From ancient board games to top secret computer simulations and re-creations of actual villages, U.S. troops ready themselves for
battle in fascinating, and sometimes surprising, ways. Cameras capture all the action as soldiers practice combat maneuvers in the United States, Iraq and Germany.

**Interpreting the Lost Symbol**

2009 NR 75 minutes

The perfect complement to Dan Brown's best-selling novel *The Lost Symbol*, this intriguing documentary scrutinizes many of the secrets and conspiracy theories alluded to in the book, including the fascinating history and modern state of freemasonry. Offering viewers additional analysis missing from the pages of the suspenseful thriller, the program gives fans an in-depth look at the mysteries Brown explores.

**Doin' Time in Times Square**

1991 NR 39 minutes

Nearly a decade after helming *Wild Style*, the seminal film of the hip-hop movement, director Chuck Ahearn turned his lens on the streets of 1990s-era Times Square and created this unique video journal. A stark contrast to the square we know now, the famous intersection of Manhattan was a haven for drugs, thugs, hookers and porn shops in the early '90s, and Ahearn's cameras captured it all in this fascinating time capsule.

**The Hidden Fuhrer: Hitler's Sexuality**

2004 NR 90 minutes

First posed in a 2002 book by German historian Lothar Machtan, the question of notorious dictator Adolf Hitler's sexual orientation -- and whether his internal struggle prompted his despicable actions -- is explored in this provocative documentary. Sifting through data that led to Machtan's assertion that Hitler may have been a latent homosexual, filmmakers Fenton Bailey and Randy Barbato also consult historians and living witnesses.

**Solomon's Temple**

2002 NR 28 minutes

Find out about the colossal achievement of the construction of Solomon's Temple, built to fulfill an ancient promise to God by King David. Learn about its design, its meaning for Israel and what went on there and why. The temple was destroyed in 586 B.C., but through the use of modern computer graphics, this architectural wonder is reconstructed visually to provide a contemporary experience of its rituals, beauty and grandeur.

**Unlocking Ancient Secrets of the Bible**

2007 NR 90 minutes

Join actor Roger Moore on a trip to the Holy Land to investigate whether key biblical people, places and events are fact or fiction. The program features dramatic reenactments and expert commentary from archaeologists, scholars and others. From the Garden of Eden and the Ten Commandments to the Great Flood and Noah's Ark, Moore and a team of experts weigh modern evidence in an attempt to prove or discount the secrets of the Bible.
Cracking the Da Vinci Code

2004 NR 90 minutes

Author Simon Cox (Cracking the Da Vinci Code) explores Dan Brown's best-selling novel The Da Vinci Code in this documentary. Brown's novel revolves around the possibility that a code exists within the works of Da Vinci -- a code that will unravel the ancient mystery of the Holy Grail. Cox examines Brown's novel and identifies key parts within the text with an eye to cracking Da Vinci's code and uncovering the true story of the Holy Grail.

Wisconsin Death Trip

2001 UR 76 minutes

In the late 1890s, the small town of Black River Falls, Wis., suffered its fair share of pestilence in the form of a diphtheria epidemic coupled with a lingering economic depression. But the worst was yet to come: Soon, the residents of the rural town began to collectively go insane. Via re-creations, old photographs and vintage newspaper clippings, James Marsh's documentary (narrated by Ian Holm) shows just how bizarre this true story really is.

Metropolis

2003 NR 2 discs

Journey back in time to explore some of the mightiest cities the world has ever seen, from Athens, Carthage and Rome to Alexandria, Constantinople, Paris and Venice. Computer animation reveals the grandeur these centers of economic, political and cultural power enjoyed, and dramatic re-creations reveal what everyday life was like for their citizens.

Marie Antoinette: The Scapegoat Queen

2006 NR 68 minutes

From Austrian princess to ill-fated last queen of France, Marie Antoinette's life journey is captured in this meticulously researched documentary about the woman who is considered to have triggered the French Revolution for her lavish lifestyle. Vilified for extravagant tastes that epitomized the wanton excess of the French aristocracy, the young queen found herself caught in a political firestorm, doomed no matter what course she followed.

Hell's Kitchen: A New York Neighborhood

2000 NR 82 minutes

It is perhaps the most notorious neighborhood in New York City. Hell's Kitchen -- the section of Manhattan's West Side that runs from 34th Street to 59th Street -- is the focus of this film that looks at the area's illustrious and violent history. Winner of the Best Documentary award at the New York International Independent Film Festival, the film crafts a vivid mosaic of the neighborhood through the tales of local artists and other residents.

Seventh Annual Media That Matters Film Festival

2007 NR 116 minutes
A worldwide showcase for topical short films addressing some of the most pressing issues of the day, the Media That Matters Film Festival presents a collection of 16 thought-provoking works from its seventh annual event. Offerings from Egypt, Colombia, Australia, the United States and more tackle such weighty matter as civil rights, social justice, immigration, sustainability and genocide.

**Roots of Resistance: American Experience**

1990 NR 60 minutes

The heroic story of the Underground Railroad, a secret network designed to help African-Americans escape the horrors of slavery, comes to life in this moving installment of the PBS series “The American Experience.” The program chronicles the creation of the organization as well as its intricate workings. Highlights include interviews with historians, as well as descendants of slaves and slave owners.

**USS Arizona to USS Missouri: From Tragedy to Victory**

2004 NR 100 minutes

The history of Pearl Harbor is book-ended with these two vessels that spell the beginning and the end of World War II. This documentary tells the story of one of history's biggest wars by recounting the fate of these ships: When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, they hit the USS Arizona and killed its 900 sailors; years later, general Douglas MacArthur boarded the USS Missouri to sign Japan's treaty of surrender.

**Space Race: Era of the Space Shuttle: Vol. 2**

2007 NR 158 minutes

Part of a series chronicling the space race between the Soviet Union and the United States, this second installment covers NASA's development of the Skylab space station in the late 1960s, deep-space exploration, the development of the space shuttle program and the 1986 Challenger disaster. Featuring official NASA archives and breathtaking footage, the program covers more than 25 years in the history of space exploration.

**Halifax at War**

2008 NR 76 minutes

Profiling the Handley Page Halifax four-engine heavy bomber, this program explores that aircraft's major strengths and weaknesses, unique capabilities, creation in 1937, widespread use in World War II and conversion into an airliner after the war. Rare archival footage and interviews with former pilots and crew members shed light on the Halifax's characteristics in the air and its performance record in combat.

**Space Race: Race to the Moon: Vol. 1**

2007 NR 207 minutes

This first installment in a two-part series chronicling the space race between the Soviet Union and the United States covers NASA's response to Sputnik, the missteps and achievements of the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo programs, and the resulting years of lunar exploration. Featuring official NASA archives and breathtaking footage, this documentary series covers more than 25 years in the history of space exploration.
Remember the Alamo

2004 NR 60 minutes

Memorialized in numerous movies, the Battle of the Alamo is once again brought to life in this PBS documentary that hews to the facts: Conflict seemed inevitable in the Mexican-ruled Texas of the 1830s, when Tejanos tried to live side by side with both Mexicans and Americans. As many Texas residents decided to seek their independence, everyone was forced to pick sides -- a painful choice captured in this detailed account.

Jimmy Carter: The President from Plains

2007 G 71 minutes

Jimmy Carter rose from humble beginnings in Plains, Ga., to become in 1977 the 39th U.S. president. This documentary features footage from some of Carter's most remarkable speeches, capturing the trials and triumphs of a turbulent era. Included are excerpts from his inaugural address, fireside chats, address on energy, State of the Union speeches and more. History buffs and political junkies will not be disappointed.

Pilgrimage to Karbala

2007 NR 87 minutes

PBS's acclaimed series "Wide Angle" takes a journey with a busload of Shia men and women who are traveling from Iran to Iraq on a holy pilgrimage to Karbala. Forbidden during the reign of Saddam Hussein, the journey was a mere dream for decades. And although Hussein has now fallen, the pilgrimage to Karbala remains a dangerous one, as sectarian violence rings out through the streets of war-ravaged Iraq.

Animal Planet: White House Pets

2008 NR 60 minutes

Presidential pets take center stage in Animal Planet's look at the history of White House pets. From Thomas Jefferson's bears to John Quincy Adams' gator, the hourlong documentary showcases the critters that have called 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. home. Also featured are Franklin D. Roosevelt's beloved Scotty named Fala, Martha Washington's parrot, Calvin Coolidge's raccoon and the canine members of the George W. Bush family.

Patriots Day

2004 NR 60 minutes

April 19, 1776, will forever be seared in American history as a date long remembered to be crucial to the American Revolution, when Americans fought against the British in Lexington, Mass. Now, modern-day residents keep the fire alive by re-creating those events year after year. This documentary is a testament to the commitment of cell phone-toting history buffs and captures the surreal quality that infuses the run-up to the big day.

Red Files: Secrets of the Russian Archives
1999 NR 240 minutes

Peek behind the Iron Curtain with this fascinating multipart series from PBS that explores the Cold War from the Soviet perspective through fascinating interviews, declassified dossiers and rare, never-before-seen archival footage from the KGB. Chapters include "Secret Victories of the KGB," "Soviet Propaganda Machine," "Secret Soviet Moon Mission" and "Soviet Sports Wars."

Moon Race: The History of Apollo: Vol. 2

2007 NR 193 minutes

Landing on the moon was only one of the many Apollo missions' accomplishments, and this absorbing documentary follows the historic space program's final phase, including the dramatic rescue of Apollo 13 and the 1975 Apollo-Soyuz hookup. The film features archival footage showing the astronauts on the moon and in orbit as they map the lunar surface and continue to test the capabilities of humans in the heavens.

Glorious Triumphs and Great Tragedies

2002 NR 120 minutes

Visit the locations of some of the greatest events -- both triumphant and tragic -- of human history. You'll behold the mystery of the lost Ark of the Covenant in Jerusalem and re-create the day that will live in infamy at Pearl Harbor. From the bloody battle at Gettysburg to the triumphant ascension of Mount Everest, Leonard Nimoy takes you on an amazing journey.

Historic Bird Cage Theatre

2004 NR 60 minutes

Located in Tombstone, Arizona, the Bird Cage Theatre catered to some of the Old West's most notable names, including Doc Holliday, Johnny Ringo and the Earp family. Open for business 24 hours a day, seven days a week, it was the hottest night spot around. Get the inside scoop from owner Bill Hunley about what really went on back in those days, as well as whether the stories about the theatre being haunted today are actually true.

Aviation: Flight and Fantasy

2007 NR 3 discs

Three documentaries cruise through the worlds of luxury jets, Air Force One and experimental aircraft. In Dream Jets, join an ace design team as they build personal jets for world-famous clients; in Air Force One: Flight II, the history of the presidential jet from Franklin D. Roosevelt to George Bush is narrated by Charlton Heston; and X-Planes celebrates the intrepid test pilots who risked their lives for aviation innovation.

7 Days in September

2004 NR 93 minutes

With help from almost 30 filmmakers, director Steven Rosenbaum turns the tragic events of September 11, 2001 -- the memories of which are forever jarred in our psyches -- into a moving portrait of emotion, loss and even kindness. Although the film uses footage of the horrific attacks on the World Trade Center and the resulting catastrophic loss, it also hones in on New York City's tremendous ability to rebuild, through will and compassion.
Partisans of Vilna
1986 NR 130 minutes

This fascinating documentary blends songs, newsreels and archival footage with interviews of more than 40 Holocaust survivors to paint an eye-opening portrait of the courageous Jewish resistance in Vilna, the capital of Lithuania. Recounting how a commando unit was formed to conduct sabotage missions against the Nazis, the film explores the moral dilemmas facing the Jewish youth who organized an underground resistance.

With Byrd at the South Pole
1930 NR 83 minutes

U.S. Navy Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd introduces the official documentary account of his spectacularly courageous 1928-1930 expedition to the Antarctic. Byrd's historic flight over the South Pole and his establishment of "Little America" are detailed through the Academy Award-winning cinematography of Paramount Newsreel cameramen Joseph Rucker and Willard van der Veer.

Holy Warriors
2005 NR 120 minutes

Popular wisdom has taught us one version of King Richard the Lionhearted's epic struggle to pry Jerusalem from the jaws of an aggressive Muslim conqueror, Salah Al-din (aka Saladin). But as history has shown, there's always another side to the story. Relying on provocative interviews with both Christian and Muslim scholars, this fascinating PBS documentary reexamines a familiar legend from an unfamiliar perspective.

Behind the Da Vinci Code
2007 NR 50 minutes

Before The Da Vinci Code, there was Henry Lincoln's Holy Blood, Holy Grail, in which the author documents his search for clues about the Holy Grail. This program examines the evidence Lincoln presents and its connections with the Knights Templar. Critics recount the controversy over the holy lineage and bring new insights to both popular and marginal theories. Lincoln's quest continues to stir imaginations and inspire the most ardent skeptics.

Huey P. Newton: Prelude to Revolution
1971 NR 36 minutes

Hear the inside story of Huey Newton and the Black Panthers with this documentary that examines their efforts to promote the rights of African Americans as well as the organization's violent tactics, including the killing of a police officer. The film features a rare jailhouse interview with Newton discussing the role of revolution and civil disobedience, plus footage of several Panthers' bullet-riddled homes following police raids.

Roaring Glory Warbirds: Vought F4U Corsair
1998 NR 88 minutes
Embark on an aerial adventure in the Marines's most famous World War II fighting plane in this two-part installment of the "Roaring Glory Warbirds" series. Warbird pilot Steve Hinton leads an exciting tutorial on the technical aspects of the Vought F4U Corsair, with help from Gregory "Pappy" Boyington and his Black Sheep squadron. Extras for the aviation enthusiast include an original F4U training film from the WWII era.

Joseph: The Man Closest to Christ

2007 NR 60 minutes

Catholic priests, teachers and others discuss the life, teachings and significance of Joseph in this comprehensive look at the Virgin Mary's husband and the man chosen by God to be Jesus' father. New insights about Joseph are revealed in interviews with Catholic leaders such as evangelist Jesse Romero and Professor Mark Miravalle, and vivid works of art depict scenes of St. Joseph's remarkable life story.

An American Anthem

2005 NR 45 minutes

Actor Robert Conrad (from television's "Wild, Wild West") narrates this thought-provoking exploration of "The Star-Spangled Banner," a national treasure with simple beginnings that's grown to symbolize American freedom and patriotism. Francis Scott Key's well-known verse takes on a whole new meaning, thanks to a keen analysis of the song's historical roots and the controversy it's overcome throughout the decades.

B-24: Bombers Over Normandy: The Victory Bombers

2007 NR 60 minutes

Take to the skies as Allied forces use air power to change the course of World War II. The B-24 bomber was among the greatest weapons in the U.S. arsenal, and it was used to devastating effect in the Normandy campaign. Rarely seen archival military footage takes viewers into the B-24 cockpit and into the heart of the decisive battle that brought an end to the war.

American Experience: Grand Central

2008 NR 60 minutes

Discover the origins and history of New York's Grand Central Station in this fascinating documentary, part of PBS's "American Experience" series. Millions of travelers and tourists have passed through the renowned hub, which first opened in 1913. Born out of a 1902 tragedy when two trains collided in New York's Grand Central Depot, the station was constructed in response to the need for greater safety and quickly became world-famous.

The Greatest Speeches of All Time: Vol. 3

2007 NR 52 minutes

This eclectic anthology presents archival footage of some of the most inspiring, controversial and history-changing speeches ever delivered, including Franklin Delano Roosevelt's second inaugural address and Gerald Ford's pardon of Richard Nixon. Also featured are Robert Kennedy at the 1964 Democratic National Convention, Jimmy Carter addressing the 1979 energy crisis and John F. Kennedy introducing civil rights legislation in 1963.
Modern Marvels: Bible Tech

2007 NR 50 minutes

Did ancient architects really possess the knowledge and technology to erect immense structures such as the Tower of Babylon and the Temple of Jerusalem as described in the Bible? This program investigates how these feats might have been accomplished. Using the historical record of the Bible as their guide, experts and engineers travel to the Holy Land to discover the tools needed to build some of Scripture's most famous constructions.

Roaring Glory Warbirds: Mitsubishi A6M5 Zero

1998 NR 103 minutes

The Mitsubishi A6M5 fighter plane (the "Zero") was Japan's most valuable weapon during World War II. This documentary examines the notorious plane's history and takes a look at the only existing Zero that can still take to the skies. It also tells the life story of the Japanese fighter pilot, Capt. Massager Karate, who shot down Pappy Boynton. Karate's handbook and family album are included as well.

The Better Hour

2008 NR 60 minutes

This superb documentary explores the compelling story of British Parliamentarian William Wilberforce, the man whose passionate beliefs and two decades of efforts led to the abolition of slavery in England in the 1800s. Narrated by Avery Brooks and featuring insights from numerous scholars, the film also examines the early 19th-century British economy, which depended heavily on human trafficking.

Modern Marvels: Engineering Disasters: New Orleans

2007 NR 50 minutes

Geological experts examine the engineering flaws that led to the disaster in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. After the levees broke, the flooding left 80 percent of the city underwater. This program looks at what went wrong. From the 100-year-old pump system breakdown and poorly designed escape routes to the problems inside the Superdome, the program reveals the scope of the failure and asks whether it's safe to rebuild the city at all.

Killing Hitler

2003 NR 99 minutes

Via archival footage, dramatic reenactments and expert analysis, this topnotch BBC docudrama dissects Operation Foxley, a bold British scheme to send a sniper to assassinate Nazi leader Adolf Hitler at Berghof, his Bavarian mountain retreat, in 1944. Historians discuss the disagreements over the plan within wartime British intelligence and analyze the plot's chance for success had it been carried out.

Ghosts of the Baltic Sea
Documenting one of the greatest though least-known maritime catastrophes in history, this chilling program dives deep to get the story behind the Baltic Sea disaster of World War II. Undersea explorer Robert Ballard joins four survivors in a journey to the bottom of the Baltic to tell the tale of the German evacuation ships torpedoed by Soviet submarines, an assault that resulted in the deaths of more than 20,000 men, women and children.

**Vietnam: Homecoming**

2005 NR 70 minutes

This moving documentary follows Pervis Crowe, Stanley Parker, John Hedrick and Mike Cook -- who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder -- as they prepare to attend Operation Homecoming, a gathering in Branson, Mo., to help Vietnam veterans mend. Through poignant interviews, these anguished men share their personal stories of the pain and torment that scarred their psyches and forever changed their lives.

**Red, White, Black & Blue**

2006 NR 86 minutes

This gripping documentary chronicles the efforts of a poorly equipped group of American soldiers ordered to dislodge the Japanese troops that had invaded the icy island of Attu, off the coast of Alaska, during World War II. Two veterans of the battle return to the island with filmmaker Tom Putnam to recount the brutal 19-day ordeal that yielded 4,000 American casualties, but went largely unnoticed by the American public.

**The Irish Country House**

1995 NR 58 minutes

Actress Anjelica Huston narrates this look at Ireland's exquisite country homes. From ancient castles to majestic Palladian manors, the program captures the architecture, grounds and surrounding landscapes with 16mm aerial footage. More than 40 homes are featured, ranging from cliffside fortresses to lavish estates. Interviews with architects, residents and historians add depth and insight to the exploration of these remarkable dwellings.

**The History Channel: Alexander Graham Bell & the Astonishing Telephone**

2007 NR 50 minutes

With both his mother and wife victims of genetic deafness, Alexander Graham Bell made it his mission to find a cure. It was out of this personal struggle that Bell invented the telephone, a revolutionary device that changed the course of history. By allowing people to talk to one another across huge distances, the telephone was instrumental in helping the growing United States stay united.

**Washington National Cathedral**

1993 NR 60 minutes

This program explores the mighty architectural wonders of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, also known as the Washington National Cathedral, located in the northwest quadrant of Washington, D.C. Interviews, archival footage of the cathedral
being built, human interest stories and more help tell the tale of this magnificent Episcopal church -- the sixth largest cathedral in the world, and the second largest in the United States.

**The History Channel: Alexander the Great & the Devastating Catapult**

2007 NR 50 minutes

When fierce warrior Alexander the Great, accompanied by his Macedonian troops, met ferocious resistance at the island city of Tyre, he turned to technology to give him an edge. Learn how Alexander was able to overcome adversity and best his foes. The most devastating weapon of its time, the catapult could lay waste to entire cities with ease. Re-enactments and expert interviews attest to the strength of this revolutionary machine.

**The Sensational Seventies**

2006 NR 4 discs

Take a look back at the birth of disco, the bicentennial and the political controversies that made up one of our nation's most colorful decades with this video scrapbook jam-packed with interviews and news footage. Topics include the Kent State riots, the Vietnam War, the debuts of "Sesame Street" and "Saturday Night Live," Patty Hearst's arrest, streaking, the Son of Sam murders, the Jonestown massacre and much more.

**The History Channel: Targeted: Osama Bin Laden**

2007 NR 100 minutes

The international manhunt for Osama bin Laden is chronicled in this exhaustive documentary special, filmed in 10 countries and featuring top CIA agents, soldiers, Washington bigwigs and acclaimed authors. The film follows bin Laden from his early battles in Afghanistan against the Soviet Union to his later status as the world's most wanted man. Interviewees include *Black Hawk Down* writer Mark Bowden and *Ghost Wars* scribe Steve Coll.

**Great Hearts of Courage**

2009 TV-G 2 discs

This inspiring series profiles seven individuals whose words and actions effected change in the latter half of the 20th century: Billy Graham, Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King Jr., Elie Wiesel, C.S. Lewis, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn and Nelson Mandela. Segments shed light on the role courage played in shaping each subject's destiny, combining archival footage of public appearances with dramatic re-enactments of key moments in their personal lives.

**National Geographic: Secrets of Jerusalem's Holiest Sites**

2006 NR 52 minutes

From the site of Jesus Christ's resurrection to the awe-inspiring Dome of the Rock, this compelling National Geographic documentary explores the mysteries of (and meaning behind) the sacred sites of Jerusalem, a focal point for Christians, Jews and Muslims. Among the locations visited are the Temple Mount, Solomon's Stables, the Western Wall (also known as the Wailing Wall) and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.
Man on the Moon with Walter Cronkite

1989 NR 120 minutes

Relive humankind's incredible accomplishment of walking on the moon in this program that presents highlights of Walter Cronkite and the CBS News Team's comprehensive coverage of the thrilling nine-day Apollo 11 mission. Then, Cronkite reports on the treacherous voyage of Apollo 13, as the brave crew struggles to regain control after an explosion rips through the ship hundreds of thousands of miles above Earth.

Encyclopedia of Modern Armor: The Light Tank

2006 NR 53 minutes

Ever since it first saw action in World War I, the light tank has been continuously improved and adapted to every conceivable battlefield condition. Follow the history of the light tank, including Mussolini's ingenious adaptation of a British design and Hitler's use of armored cars and light tanks in World War II. Also featured is the development of the American M-series, which brought light tank design to a whole new level of sophistication.

Jerusalem: The City Touched by God / To Live a Dream: The Story of Teddy Kollek

2003 NR 110 minutes

Two documentaries (hosted by Liv Ullmann) focus on Jerusalem, its history and the effect the holy city has had on the world. Jerusalem: The City Touched by God is a film that explores the city's passion and architecture and the influence Jerusalem has had on all faiths. To Live a Dream: The Story of Teddy Kollek focuses on the evolution of Jerusalem through the experiences of its most charismatic mayor and leader.

Sculptures of the Louvre

2006 NR 2 discs

If you really want to see the sculptures in the famed Louvre museum but can't quite afford the airfare, this interactive tour is a decent substitute. This program explores the most prominent sculptures in detail and talks about the cultural circumstances surrounding their creation. Works include "Slaves of Michelangelo," "The Horses of Marly," "The Venus de Milo," "Bulls of Khorsbad," "Cupid and Psyche," "Ramses II" and "Mary Magdalene."

Free at Last: Civil Rights Heroes

2004 NR 95 minutes

Witness the amazing, courageous stories of Emmett Till, Medgar Evers, The Birmingham Four, Viola Liuzzo and more. The story of the Civil Rights movement in the United States is usually told through the acts of such charismatic leaders as Martin Luther King Jr., but often the struggle played out in the small acts of peaceful defiance performed by individuals. Hear the stories of those heroic people who helped stir a nation and forge a new path.

The Day the Universe Changed

1985 NR 5 discs
Author and historian James Burke produces and hosts this 10-part BBC series that explores the impact that scientific advancement and discovery has had on humankind's philosophical perception of the universe. Chapters include "The Way We Are: It Started with the Greeks," "Point of View: Scientific Imagination in the Renaissance," "Infinitely Reasonable: Science Revises the Heavens" and "Fit to Rule: Darwin's Revolution."

**Sari's Mother and Other Shorts**

2006 NR 113 minutes

"Sari's Mother," excised from the Academy Award-nominated film Iraq in Fragments, headlines a collection of short films from Iraq. The title film documents the plight of a mother of a 10-year-old boy with HIV as she navigates the Iraqi health care system, fragmented by the American invasion, in an attempt to find treatment for her son. Also included are "Iraq Before the War" and short films from Baghdad's Independent Film and Television College.

**The Ultimate Space Experience**

1998 NR 48 minutes

Culled from the vaults of NASA, this reflective documentary chronicles historic events in America's space program, including the first walk on the moon, the technical problems with the *Apollo 13* mission and *Challenger's* disastrous explosion in 1986. Young children will find the video an intriguing introduction to the subject of space exploration. Astronaut biographies and a trivia quiz are among the extras.

**World War II: When the World Went to War: Vol. 3: 1940-1945**

1949 NR 3 discs

This third installment of a five-part series based on *Crusade in Europe*, President Eisenhower's book about the Second World War, recounts some of the war's most important battles from 1940 to 1945. Conflicts examined here include Dunkirk, the Battle of Nations at Monte Cassino, the Battle of the Bulge and D-day. Additional footage captures Allied troops crossing the Rhine, the surrender of Germany and more.

**World War II: When the World Went to War: Vol. 4: 1944-1945**

1949 NR 3 discs

This fourth installment of a five-part series based on *Crusade in Europe*, President Eisenhower's book about the Second World War, examines the most significant events of the war during the years 1944 and 1945. D-day in Normandy, Allied victory in Central Europe and the dropping of the atomic bomb over Hiroshima are covered, along with the end of the war and an account of Adolf Hitler's life and death.

**Dreams of Flight: Air**

1999 NR 150 minutes

Three programs from the "Air and Space" Smithsonian series are featured in this collection: "In the Beginning," "The Golden Age and Beyond" and "Higher, Faster, Farther." The production features footage of experimental aircraft and flights as well as interviews with test pilots Chuck Yeager and Pete Knight. The collection also examines the business of aviation and forward thinkers such as William Boeing, Donald W. Douglas and John K. Northrup.
Freedom is Not a Gift from Heaven: The Century of Simon Wiesenthal

1994 NR 60 minutes

A World War II concentration camp survivor who dedicated his life to bringing fugitive Nazi war criminals to justice, Simon Wiesenthal shares his fascinating life story in his own words and discusses his views on Europe's modern neo-Nazi movement. Throughout the course of this biography, Wiesenthal travels to former concentration camp sites and German high schools, where he discusses his strong passion for justice.

Shadows in Paradise: Hitler's Exiles in Hollywood

2008 NR 60 minutes

To escape Hitler's regime, thousands of intellectuals and radicals fled Europe for the United States in the 1930s; this documentary focuses on the prominent figures who moved to Hollywood and made contributions to American music, art and culture. Well-known exiles profiled here include Bertolt Brecht, Fritz Lang, Arnold Schoenberg, Erich Wolfgang Korngold, Salka Viertel, Thomas Mann and many others.

The Thursday Club

2005 NR 60 minutes

In 1967, filmmaker George Paul Csicsery was beaten by a police officer while demonstrating at an antiwar rally. Three decades later, he tracks down the men who assaulted him using an archival photo as his only clue. The gripping documentary that results explores the turbulent social movements of the 1960s from the point of view of protestors as well as the police, making for a thought-provoking visual experience.

Dunkirk

2004 NR 180 minutes

With the Germans launching massive attacks on France and the country all but lost to the enemy, Allied forces evacuated approximately 350,000 troops from Dunkirk. This program examines the events leading up to the evacuation, the decision to withdraw, the strategies behind the operation and the harsh truth that although so many troops were saved, 600,000 soldiers were left behind and either captured or killed by the Germans.

Luboml: My Heart Remembers

2004 NR 57 minutes

Through rare historical footage, archival photographs and heart-wrenching interviews with former residents, the fabric of daily life is re-created in Luboml, a Jewish market town in Poland that was wiped out by the Nazis during the Holocaust. A thriving regional center in pre-war Poland, Luboml boasted electric lights, sports teams, businesses and even a movie theater. But all of that turned to dust when the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939.

La Cosa Nostra: The History of NY Mafia
This absorbing documentary charts the history of one of the most fascinating subcultures in America: the New York mob. Discover how the crime syndicate pulled its roots from Italy, planted them right in the heart of the Big Apple and flourished during the not-so-dry run of the Prohibition. Although in-fighting and scrutiny from the government have squeezed out the Mafia's power and glamour, it still maintains its place in urban history.

**Daniel K. Inouye: An American Story**

2004 NR 56 minutes

Track the life of Japanese American Daniel K. Inouye from his days as a World War II soldier to his tenure as a U.S. Senator from Hawaii. In addition to sharing Inouye's many triumphs, this documentary also explores his home state's modern history. Featuring interviews with Inouye and other prominent politicians, this powerful story of courage, dedication and patriotism aims to inspire and illustrates the diversity of the American experience.

**Ancient Egypt Unearthed**

2009 NR 2 discs

In this documentary series, noted archaeologist Dr. Zahi Hawass digs deep to uncover new clues regarding some of ancient Egypt's greatest mysteries, including the civilization's remarkable military and architectural achievements. Hawass also examines the day-to-day lives of ordinary Egyptians; the role of powerful women rulers such as Cleopatra, Hatshepsut and Nefertiti; and reasons for Egypt's surprisingly swift decline on the world stage.

**Mad Frank**

2006 NR 119 minutes

Notorious killer "Mad" Frankie Fraser practiced an unorthodox form of dentistry on his enemies, just one of many gruesome facts revealed in this documentary about one of Britain's most dangerous underworld figures. From his multiple insanity diagnoses to his murderous ax-wielding rages, this program chronicles Mad Frank's astonishing criminal career, including the four decades he spent behind bars in 20 different prisons.

**Going Hollywood: The War Years**

1986 NR 76 minutes

This documentary provides a nostalgic and insightful look at Hollywood's on- and off-screen efforts at promoting wartime patriotism during the years 1941-1945. Hosted by actor Van Johnson, the film includes movie clips, newsreel footage and interviews with stars of that halcyon era such as Vivian Blaine, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Roddy McDowall, Jackie Cooper, Gloria DeHaven and Tony Randall.

**Athens: The Dawn of Democracy**

2007 NR 120 minutes

In this PBS program, historian Bettany Hughes explores the realities of ancient Athens's "Golden Age" and uncovers a mix of brilliant, humanity-changing philosophies and dark, war-like themes that co-existed in one turbulent time and place. Although ancient Athens
still retains its reputation as a pure and shining democracy, its history tells a more complicated story that includes slavery, black magic and an unquenchable thirst for war.

**Long Knives**

1994 NR 89 minutes

The West was won, as they say, at the hands of a select group of horseback-riding soldiers known as the U.S. Cavalry. This film tells their story, using the soldiers' own words to reveal what motivated them to put their lives on the line battling American Indian warriors and other frontier adversaries for a paltry $8 per month in salary. This true story will appeal to history buffs and adventure lovers alike.

**Did We Go?**

2005 NR 60 minutes

Filmmaker Aron Ranen's tongue-in-cheek documentary explores the controversial conspiracy theory that asserts that, in 1969, U.S. astronaut Neil Armstrong spoke the famous words "one small step for man, one giant step for mankind" from an earthbound film set, not the moon. In investigating the claims of an Apollo 11 hoax, Ranen uncovers a KKK faction at the Kennedy Space Center, slave-owning Nazis, hippies, soused space cowboys and more.

**National Geographic: The Battle for Midway**

1999 TV-PG 83 minutes

It was here in 1942 where the U.S. and Japan fought one of the greatest naval battles of World War II that changed the course of history. Hear the stories of four remarkable men and how each survived the war despite incredible odds.

**Diplomats for the Damned**

2008 NR 50 minutes

Thanks to Schindler's List, most people know the name Oskar Schindler, but other unsung heroes emerged during World War II to risk their lives by saving the innocent from extermination. This History Channel documentary profiles four of them in depth. Segments focus on the selfless actions of foreign diplomats Hiram Bingham (United States), Carl Lutz (Switzerland), Aristides de Sousa Mendes (Portugal) and George Ferdinand Duckwitz (Germany).

**Conquistadors**

2000 NR 240 minutes

Beloved historian Michael Wood recounts the adventures of the great Spanish conquistadors whose encounters with the Americas changed the modern world -- and all but obliterated the mighty Aztec and Incan empires. Literally walking in the footsteps of the conquerors Cortés, Pizarro, de Vaca and others, Wood examines the effects of the conquistadors' bloody campaigns, and communes with modern descendants of the Aztecs and the Incas.

**Hitler's Lost Plan**
Prompted by a little-known manuscript widely attributed to Adolf Hitler and discovered by an American historian, this engrossing History Channel documentary dissects Hitler's master plan for world domination, which never quite came to fruition. Included among the stacks of documents the United States seized from Nazi Germany, the shocking strategy was detailed in a "secret book" that appears to be an unpublished *Mein Kampf* sequel.

**American Experience: Streamliners: America's Lost Trains**

2001 NR 60 minutes

Using rare photos and period footage, as well as interviews with the trains' passengers and workers, this documentary tracks the rise and decline of the American streamliner trains of the 1930s and '40s, which captured the public's imagination.

**Warrior Queen Boudica**

2006 NR 100 minutes

With support from an array of scholars, this History Channel documentary profiles one of the most fascinating women you've probably never heard of: Boudica, queen of the Iceni, an ancient Celtic tribe that once inhabited Eastern Britain. When the Romans invaded the Iceni after King Prasutagus' death, they attacked the grieving queen and raped her two daughters. But Boudica's devastating revenge brought the unsuspecting Romans to their knees.

**Hear That Train a 'Comin'**

2005 NR 46 minutes

Meet the crew of the Union Pacific Challenger No. 3985, the largest and most powerful steam engine in the world. This colorful documentary is a behind-the-scenes look at the conductors, engineers and mechanics who keep this fickle train running, an engaging history of steam power, and a scenic tour the Great Plains -- from Cheyenne, Wyo., through Denver and across Nebraska to the Omaha headquarters of the Union Pacific.

**American Experience: The Orphan Trains**

1995 NR 60 minutes

In the 1850s, thousands of homeless children roamed New York City streets in search of food and shelter. Moved by their suffering, a young minister named Charles Loring Brace founded the Children's Aid Society. The charitable group sent the children on trains to rural areas, where families would take in the orphans. By 1929, more than 150,000 neglected children had made such journeys. Their remarkable stories live on in this moving documentary.

**The Great Battles of World War II: Battle of Britain**

1998 NR 53 minutes

This patriotic documentary produced during World War II focuses on the definitive battles fought in the skies above England. Archival footage and exclusive interviews bring the Battle of Britain to life in this second installment of the acclaimed, three-part series. Also included is film of the battle's 50th anniversary observance, during which airplanes flew over Buckingham Palace to pay tribute to the British Air Force.
Mussolini: The Churchill Conspiracies

2007 NR 120 minutes

Examining a much-contested conspiracy theory, this intriguing documentary investigates accusations that Italian dictator Benito Mussolini was assassinated by British secret agents on orders from British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Though proof has never been found, theorists believe Churchill wanted to cover up the existence of secret and damaging letters from the prime minister to the dictator regarding Italy's position in World War II.

Visions

2008 NR 90 minutes

Exploring true-life supernatural stories and the spiritual renaissance that took place in America during the first half of the 1800s, this fascinating documentary traces numerous important social movements associated with that period. Some of the events covered are the founding of new religious sects and utopian communities, the origins of the contemporary spiritualist movement, and anti-Masonic, women's rights and anti-slavery movements.

The Sound of Rio: Brasileirinho

2007 NR 90 minutes

Mika Kaurismäki's toe-tapping, finger-snapping documentary reveals the vibrant sounds of Brazil's old-style choro music, a blend of native Indian, European and African forms that forms the foundation of modern musical styles including bossa nova and samba. Featuring Elza Soares, Paulo Moura, Zezé Gonzaga, Teresa Cristina, Paulinho da Viola and many others, this documentary explores choro's history and its influence on Brazilian composition.

Legends of the Arabian Nights

2006 NR 50 minutes

Through glorious illustrations and entrancing clips, the stories a young woman spun to keep a malevolent sultan from murdering her come to life in this A&E program that explores the legends' roots, themes and messages. Leading authors and historians analyze the stories set in India, Persia, Egypt, Turkey and China to answer questions as to who wrote the tales and why, and why so many of them are driven by the presence of genies and magic.

Before Hollywood There Was Fort Lee, N. J.

1964 NR 146 minutes

Amazing, but true: Fort Lee, New Jersey (just across the George Washington Bridge from Manhattan), was once the epicenter of American film production. This documentary of a truly bygone era combines photographs culled from private collections, as well as restored footage from such films as Thomas A. Edison's Rescued from an Eagle's Nest and D.W. Griffith's The New York Hat, filmed at the studios in Fort Lee.

David Macaulay: Pyramid
How in the world did the ancient Egyptians manage to shape 2 million blocks of heavy stone into the Great Pyramid at Giza given the lack of modern machinery available to them? In this installment of his televised series exploring technology and architecture, noted author David Macaulay examines the famed structures, as well as the history, mythology and religions of the Egyptians, and uncovers buried treasure in the sacred Valley of the Kings.

The Great Battles of World War II: Battle for the Beach

1998 NR 87 minutes

June 6, 1944: The Allied forces launch an all-out surprise assault on the heavily guarded beaches of Normandy, France, the western front of the Third Reich. The world would come to know the occasion as D-Day, the final phase of the war in Europe. Rare newsreels, photographs and firsthand accounts reconstruct the chaos, bloodshed and ultimate triumph of the battles that would turn the tide of history.

David Macaulay: Mill Times

2001 NR 60 minutes

In this installment of his televised series exploring technology and architecture, noted author David Macaulay travels from Manchester, England, to the small New England community of Lowell, Mass. Through the magic of computer animation, Macaulay examines the technological changes that revolutionized the way textiles were made, helping to pave the way for the Industrial Revolution that swept the globe in the late 18th century.

James, Brother of Jesus

2003 NR 51 minutes

This Discovery Channel documentary examines evidence that may prove the existence of Jesus Christ and his brother, James: an ancient stone ossuary owned by a private collector and believed by some to be nearly 2,000 years old. The video looks at the results of scientific testing and why many experts dispute the authenticity of the bone box, which has an Aramaic inscription that reads, "James, son of Joseph; brother of Jesus."

The Camden 28

2007 NR 83 minutes

This stirring documentary recalls the trial of 28 Vietnam War opponents, mostly priests and devout Catholics, who broke into a New Jersey draft board office in 1971. Thirty-five years later, the participants -- who were acquitted of any wrongdoing -- discuss the reasons and tactics behind their famed efforts. A striking portrait of political activism, the film won two Best Documentary awards at the 2006 Philadelphia Film Festival.

The Germanic Tribes

2008 NR 2 discs

Follow the development of the Germanic Tribes from a primitive people to an influential power with this historical documentary series, which examines the ways this misunderstood group lived day to day, fought their enemies and honored their gods. Through
recent discoveries and research findings, this program convincingly dispels inaccurate myths that the Germanic Tribes were nothing but barbarians.

**Battle's Poison Cloud**

2004 NR 56 minutes

In this critically acclaimed exposé, filmmaker Cecile Trijssenaar documents the record numbers of birth defects and other health problems related to the lingering toxins of Agent Orange that had been sprayed over the landscape of Vietnam by U.S. troops. Even after the war ended, a cloud of tragedy remained due to the 17 million gallons of the chemical weapon that was dumped. The film calls for an admission of culpability and a much-needed cleanup.

**Geronimo and the Apache Resistance**

1988 NR 60 minutes

Legendary Apache warrior Geronimo was loved by his people for his fierce courage while pioneers feared him as a cold-blooded murderer. This program searches for the truth behind the myth through the use of memoirs, letters, photographs and interviews with the descendants of those who fought alongside Geronimo. Learn the mysteries of the Apache tribe that helped them stand up to any outside threats and escape danger.

**Surviving the Dust Bowl**

2007 NR 56 minutes

Liev Schreiber narrates this hourlong documentary that chronicles the stories of the Southern plains farmers who persevered through the terrible eight-year drought and dust storms that plagued the region from 1931 to '39. Though some headed west as relentless heat and overplowing began turning the once-rich topsoil into dust, most remained and learned how to take innovative conservation measures that would help save the land.

**War File: Kamikaze: To Die for the Emperor**

2008 NR 53 minutes

This film examines the history of the dangerous kamikazes, Japanese pilots during World War II who were trained to fly their aircraft into an enemy warship in a suicidal effort to cripple the vessel in a single blow. Using archival footage, this in-depth program pays special attention to the training program and the Empire of Japan's use of kamikaze pilots during the Allied invasion of Okinawa in 1945.

**German Fighter Aircraft of WWII: 1939-1942**

2005 NR 52 minutes

As the United States Air Force and Allied forces increased their bombing raids on Germany during World War II, Hitler's military scrambled to fine-tune their mid-air tactics and fighter planes. This program chronicles the air war over France and the English Channel during the crucial years of 1939-42. The program focuses on the role of the Messerschmitt BF-109, the Focke Wolf FW-190 and other German aircraft during these years.
Combing computer-generated graphics, archival footage and authoritative commentary, this program examines the Battle of Kursk, the largest tank battle of World War II, in which the Soviet Red Army defeated a concentrated Nazi blitzkrieg attack. Topics covered include a look at the brilliant Russian defense strategy, the pitched battle at Prokhorovka, a close examination of the tanks involved in the conflict and more.

This program examines the crucial role tanks played during the Allied invasion of Normandy in June, 1944, and beyond, with a special look at the heavy British Churchill AVRE and the amphibious Sherman Duplex Drive tanks. Informative computer graphics, expert analysis, archival footage and more also shed light on the role of "Hobart's Funnies" assault vehicles, the advantages of Allied and German armor, and more.

This documentary chronicles the men and machines of the Kriegsmarine, one of the three official branches of the Wehrmacht Nazi Germany navy, which boldly took on the Allies in the North Sea, the Atlantic and beyond. Archival footage -- including rare looks at the German battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz -- combine with maps, graphics and authoritative commentary to profile the rise, and ultimate fall, of the German naval war machine.

Archival footage, rare photographs, expert commentary and revealing interviews with veterans combine to dynamically chronicle the protracted battle waged for control of the Atlantic during World War II. Among the topics covered are German "wolf pack" tactics, the use of radar, the impact of the fighting on British merchant shipping, the role of cracking the elusive German Enigma code and much more.

Using rare archival footage, this fascinating documentary explores the effectiveness of the German artillery section during World War II, tracking the re-armament of the new Wehrmacht after the Nazi party's rise to power. Due to a successful performance on the Western Front during World War I and the subsequent Treaty of Versailles (which specifically denied the Reichswehr heavy artillery), the know-how was already in place for rapid expansion.

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**Panzer: Germany's Ultimate War Machine**

2005 NR 53 minutes

This fascinating documentary sheds light on the abilities of select German war machines, as illustrated by a combination of World War II footage showing German Tiger tanks during Operation Citadel and clips from two Nazi training films. Other featured weapons include the infamous Panzer tank, which was used successfully against the Soviets, and the Model Brummbaer armored car, which was used during the final years of battle.

**A Newsreel History of the Third Reich: Vol. 17**

2008 NR 89 minutes

These Nazi newsreels recovered by Russian troops in 1945 give a unique glimpse into World War II, revealing the propaganda just as the German population saw it in early 1944, including clips of Berlin preparing for Allied bombing raids. Other bits include fascinating shots of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel inspecting troops and fortifications along the coast of Normandy not long before the Allied D-Day invasion.

**Apollo 11: A Night to Remember**

2009 NR 118 minutes

"This is one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." Commemorating the 40th anniversary of NASA's 1969 moon landing, this documentary uses news coverage from the BBC archives to recount the excitement of the historic event. Led by science reporter James Burke and astronomer Sir Patrick Moore, the BBC team captures all the drama of the momentous occasion, from the exhilarating takeoff to Neil Armstrong's unforgettable first step.

**Engineering Egypt**

2007 NR 90 minutes

Explore the engineering mysteries behind the architectural masterpieces of Egypt -- including the temples of Abu Simbel and the Great Pyramid of Giza -- with this compelling documentary from National Geographic. Driven to display their civilization's importance, pharaohs Khufu and Ramesses II spearheaded the creation of these massive stone structures, which were intended to last for eternity and guarantee immortality.

**The Passion of the Mao**

2006 NR 90 minutes

University professor Lee Feigon offers a spectacularly irreverent documentary of the life and political career of Communist China's late leader Mao Zedong, arguing that despite Zedong's controversial policies, he largely benefited his people. Combining archival footage, interviews, a blend of Western and Eastern media and even animation, Feigon's mockery of Mel Gibson's Passion of the Christ and foray into Mao's legacy entertains as much as it informs.
Tigrero: A Film That Was Never Made

1994 NR 75 minutes

In the 1940s, director Sam Fuller dove deep into the jungles of the Amazon to film what he hoped would become a John Wayne classic. There, he got to know the Karaja Indians, who generously allowed him to make his movie in their community. Joined by groundbreaking helmers Jim Jarmusch and director Mika Kaurismaki, Fuller relives the challenges he faced during that time and ruminates on his life as a filmmaker.

Hidden Wars of Desert Storm

2001 NR 64 minutes

While political turmoil in the Middle East has long been a matter of great concern for Americans, few people understand the long history of conflict and political and economic gamesmanship between the West and the Middle East. This documentary attempts to explain the past and clarify the present of this complex and often stormy relationship. Includes interviews with Norman Schwarzkopf, Dennis Halliday and others. John Hurt narrates.

Picasso and Braque Go to the Movies

2008 NR 62 minutes

Director Arne Glimcher (The Mambo Kings) and narrator-producer Martin Scorsese present this art-filled documentary that explores the connection between cinema and the Cubist paintings of Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque. Extraordinary film clips from Georges Méliès and others offer a cinephile's delight, as interviews with filmmakers, artists and historians, including Scorsese, Chuck Close, and Julian Schnabel, give insightful commentary.

The Cultural History of the Western World

2006 NR 2 discs

Tour the Western world's greatest achievements with a comprehensive look at the eras that shaped them. The Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque periods, the Age of Reason, the epoch of revolution and the Impressionist era are illuminated with examples of the art, literature, music and technology that emerged from each. Each segment of this six-part documentary examines a different movement in the culture and society of Western civilization.

Civil Strife

2000 NR 150 minutes

Though peaceful now, England's past is peppered with rebellion, as this documentary dramatically illustrates. From the Peasants' Revolt in 1381 to the Gunpowder Plot in 1605 and the Jacobite Rebellions ending in the mid-1700s, it's clear the British have a tradition of using violence to spur political change. The film features reenactments of key events and interviews with scholars to explain how these incidents changed the course of history.

Time and Chance: Gerald Ford's Appointment with History
Gerald Ford, the nation's 38th president and the first never to have been elected to the executive branch, is often remembered as the man who replaced disgraced President Richard Nixon. But as this biography reveals, he also held the nation together in some of its darkest years. From 1974 to 1977, Ford overcame series of stiff challenges, including the painful aftermath of Watergate, a disastrous war and a weak domestic economy.

**Monarchy: Series 2 (U.K. Version)**

2006 NR 5 episodes

The long, intriguing history of the English monarchy continues in the second installment of this documentary series developed by historian David Starkey, which picks up with Charles II's return from exile in 1660 and the restoration of kingly rule. The five-part program also covers the reigns of James II; William, Mary, and their daughter, Anne; George I, II and III; and the venerable Victoria.

**American Assassin**

2007 NR 60 minutes

Delving into the least-known facets of notorious assassin Lee Harvey Oswald's history, this intriguing documentary details the future killer's years living in the former Soviet Union during the Cold War. Filmed in Minsk, where Oswald resided, the movie draws on recently declassified KGB files, archival Soviet footage, Oswald's diary, interviews and more to paint a portrait of the man who would ultimately become famous for killing John F. Kennedy.

**Double Headed Eagle: Hitler's Rise to Power**

1973 NR 86 minutes

Filmmaker Lutz Becker sifted through hundreds of yards of archive and newsreel footage from 1918 to 1933 for this objective, journalistic look at the rise of the Nazi Party and Adolf Hitler. Eschewing narration and interviews, this bit of living history shows how the party preyed upon the crushing poverty that had swept the country since the end of the Great War, coaxing its people with a new solidarity in the mounting military regime.

**War File: Battlefield: El Alamein**

2007 NR 105 minutes

In 1942, two decisive battles took place at the Egyptian city of El Alamein. This episode of the acclaimed "Battlefield" series reveals the major players, the events leading to the conflict and the battles themselves through vintage film clips. The first segment deals with the battle in July, a stalemate that nevertheless stopped the Axis advance, while the second examines the October conflict that proved to be a massive Allied victory.

**Aviation Library: Combat Zone**

2006 NR 3 discs

This spectacular collection of authentic aviation footage features a wealth of clips capturing aircraft pushed to the very edge. From death-defying air rescue missions to unbelievable aerial battles and stunning in-flight maneuvers, this compilation is sure to impress
any aviation fan. Witness a vicious dogfight involving F-86 Sabres; an AH-1 Cobra helicopter rescue of an American platoon; and a celebration of prop planes from World War II.

**Byzantium: The Lost Empire**

1997 NR 2 discs

This documentary explores an ancient territory whose cultures sculpted much of today's Western world. The Byzantine Empire existed for more than 1,000 years as the first Christian empire, with influence on three continents for over 11 centuries. This civilization had the potential to follow in the footsteps of Greece and Rome, but was all but decimated by careless intruders. Historian John Romer hosts this fascinating program.

**War File: Battlefield: Guadalcanal**

2008 NR 95 minutes

In 1942, the Guadalcanal campaign launched the war in the South Pacific. This volume of Battlefield reveals the strategic significance of this island in both the defense of Australia and the Allied dominance of the Solomon Islands. Historical insights and combat footage detail the conflict and set it in context as the vital first step in an Allied sweep toward the Philippines and, eventually, Japan.

**War File: Battlefield: Monte Cassino**

2007 NR 105 minutes

Early in 1944, Allied forces bombed the 6th-century abbey overlooking the Italian town of Cassino. Using rarely seen archive footage, this episode of "Battlefield" encompasses the four battles that ensued. Historians discuss the controversial bombing, which wasn't the German lookout post the Allies believed it to be, and the massive German response that resulted in one of the bloodiest conflicts of World War II.

**War File: Battlefield: Pearl Harbor**

2008 NR 99 minutes

Explore the strategy and consequences of the bombing of Pearl Harbor in this episode of the acclaimed Battlefield series. Footage of the Japanese raid, computer graphics imagery and historians' comments take viewers behind the scenes of the attack. The program describes the run-up to and strategy behind the attack that crippled the U.S. Pacific Fleet and led to the United States' entry into World War II.

**A Ripple of Hope**

2010 NR 54 minutes

Chronicling a pivotal day in civil rights history through the eyes of those who lived it, this film recounts Robert F. Kennedy's compassionate speech to a grieving African American community the day Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. Grammy-winning music director John Colby (Ken Burns's The Civil War) adds a moving original soundtrack to director Donald Boggs's blend of digitally restored archival footage and eyewitness interviews.
**War File: Battlefield: The Battle for Normandy**

2007 NR 102 minutes

The Invasion of Normandy is best known for the beach landing and the carnage that followed. This episode of the acclaimed "Battlefield" series examines what happened next, as the Allies continued their advance through the French countryside. Rarely seen combat footage serves as a backdrop to the observations of historians, who discuss the disastrous effects of the campaign on the German army, and the political and military figures involved.

**War File: Battlefield: Battle for the Mediterranean**

2007 NR 100 minutes

The World War II battles for control of the Mediterranean come to life in this volume of the "Battlefield" series. Rare archival footage illuminates each major conflict as historians discuss the major players and place the battles in context. Among the events are Rommel's campaigns in the deserts of North Africa, the British fight for control of Malta and the strategies employed to defend the oil-rich Middle East.

**The Fabulous '60s**

1986 NR 4 discs

It was the decade when America came of age and nearly tore itself apart. Peter Jennings hosts this in-depth retrospective on the 1960s, examining the Civil Rights movement, the assassinations of the Kennedys and Martin Luther King, the space program, the Cold War, Vietnam and more. Discover the people and events that changed the country forever and still affect our everyday lives.

**War File: Battlefield: The Battle of Kursk**

2008 NR 96 minutes

Involving more than 2 million soldiers and 6,000 tanks, the Battle of Kursk remains history's largest tank campaign. This volume of the Battlefield series takes viewers into battle as Soviet troops defended the area near the city of Kursk. Combat footage and computer-generated re-creations depict the last German offensive on the Eastern front, while noted historians place the battle in context as a major victory against Axis powers.

**War File: Battlefield: The Battle for the Crimea**

2008 NR 101 minutes

See World War II as never before with this volume of the "Battlefield" series that deals with the Battle for the Crimea. The bloody, two-year Eastern Front campaign comes to life through rarely seen footage of actual combat. Every major battle of the German offensive against Russia is presented, from the 1941 invasion through the fall of Sevastopol, as well as the eventual surrender by outnumbered German troops in 1944.

**Savage Earth: The Restless Planet**

1998 NR 60 minutes
Earthquakes claim lives worldwide every year, but forecasting them remains a challenge. Visit California, Mexico and Japan -- the world's high-risk earthquake zones -- to see how the population has adjusted to live with them. Relive 1989's Loma Prieta quake in San Francisco through the eyes of survivors. Stacy Keach narrates.

**Savage Earth: Waves of Destruction**

1998 NR 60 minutes

Throughout the Pacific, tens of thousands of people have lost their lives in deadly tsunamis. Survivors tell of their frightening experiences during these disasters and how they struggled to escape. Discover what's being done to better warn people of impending tsunamis and help them prepare and survive once they strike. Stacy Keach narrates.

**War File: Battlefield: The West Wall**

2008 NR 103 minutes

In the early days of World War II, Adolf Hitler ordered the construction of a 3-mile-deep blockade on Germany's western border. This volume of the Battlefield series focuses on the battle for this "Siegfried Line" and its aftermath. Historical footage and computer-generated re-creations illustrate the movement of Allied troops, who fought to breach the line and cross the Rhine River, which served as Germany's second line of defense.

**Savage Earth: Out of the Inferno**

1998 NR 60 minutes

Journey to the most dangerous and volatile volcanoes on the planet. Italy's legendary Vesuvius, Sicily's Etna, Pinatubo in the Philippines and Japan's Unzen are among the mountains showcased. You'll also visit Colombia's Nevada Del Ruiz, which erupted in 1985 and left a death toll of 25,000 in the wake of the blast. Stacy Keach narrates.

**Citizen Tanouye**

2005 NR 58 minutes

In this documentary, eight Torrance, Calif., high school students honor the life of Japanese-American alum Ted Tanouye, posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his service in World War II and whose family was relocated to the internment camps. Through interviewing veterans and conducting historical research, the students learn about the war's impact, underscore the civil rights abuses of the day and find parallels between past and present.

**War File: History of Warfare: The French & Indian War**

2007 NR 55 minutes

Witness the final struggle for control of North America -- the French and Indian War -- in this volume of War File. Narrated by historian Ian Brooker, the program uses reenactments and expert commentary to create a vivid portrait of the conflict. Period images and 3-D maps detail the Battle of Quebec, the British capture of French Canada and other events in this chapter of the historic Seven Years' War.
Egypt: Beyond the Pyramids

2001 NR 2 discs

This four-part program explores ancient Egypt and its inhabitants by examining recent archeological excavations. Using cutting-edge technology, experts uncover fascinating finds at the tomb of Ramesses II, the Abydos boat graves and other key sites. From Luxor's Karnak Temple to the Valley of the Golden Mummies, ancient Egypt's culture and politics emerge from the desert as archaeologists, Egyptologists and other scholars share their discoveries.

Civil War Journal: The Conflict Begins

2001 NR 2 discs

The immediate prelude and first months of America's bloody Civil War are the topic of this compelling chronicle that covers John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry, the war's opening shots at Fort Sumter and its first major battle at Bull Run. Hosted by Danny Glover, this installment of the History Channel's "Civil War Journal" series also explores the historic role of the all-African-American 54th Massachusetts regiment during the war.

Napoleon's Road to Moscow

1999 NR 55 minutes

Robert Powell narrates this film documenting the march of Napoleon and his more than 650,000-man army into the vast Russian interior, including the battle of Bordino and the soldiers' retreat from Moscow. Using computer-generated maps, footage from films such as War and Peace, battle reenactments and expert commentary, the film explains Napoleon's military genius in the context of his greatest battles.

African American War Heroes

2006 NR 112 minutes

This film studies the contribution of the brave but often unheralded African Americans who have served in all branches of the armed services throughout America's history, including the buffalo soldiers, the Tuskegee Airmen and the Black Panthers tank division. With laudatory remarks from President Bill Clinton and Gen. Colin Powell, this film is a fitting tribute to the dedication and heroism of America's black servicemen and women.

Battle of Austerlitz

1999 NR 55 minutes

Stand on the battlefield of Austerlitz on Dec. 2, 1805, and witness the keen strategy and tactical genius that led to Napoleon's decisive victory against the Austrian and Russian armies. Narrated by Brian Blessed, this fascinating historical program uses dramatic reenactments, 3D graphic mapping techniques, "eyewitness" accounts and Russian archive film footage to restage the pivotal Battle of the Three Emperors.

The People's Palace

2006 NR 60 minutes
With a mission of collecting, preserving and making accessible the materials of human culture, the New York Public Library plays a vital role in the cultural life of the Big Apple. This film provides a multifaceted portrait of the institution. Viewers will learn about the library's history, collections and research centers as well as the individuals charged with upholding its mission while always keeping an eye to the future.

**Most Honorable Son**

2007 NR 60 minutes

Born in Nebraska to Japanese parents, Ben Kuroki volunteered for the U.S. Army Air Corps after the Pearl Harbor attack, becoming the first Japanese-American war hero. This Bill Kubota-helmed documentary tells his story. Surviving 58 missions as an aerial gunner, between his tours of duty Kuroki became a lone voice speaking out against the racism experienced by Japanese Americans during World War II.

**Italians in America: Our Contribution**

1999 NR 105 minutes

From the time they began arriving en masse at New York's Ellis Island, Italian immigrants have affected American culture in significant ways. This documentary chronicles the noteworthy accomplishments of Italian Americans across a diverse set of backgrounds. Celebrities including Pat Cooper, Robert Loggia, Geraldine Ferraro, Jack Scalia, Tommy Lasorda, Joe Paterno and Gay Talese help relate the history of this important group in America.

**Savage Earth: Hell's Crust**

1998 NR 60 minutes

Witness the awesome power of the world's volcanoes. In the aftermath of the Mount St. Helens eruption, a 60-foot-high mudflow smothered everything in its path. Meet two campers who barely escaped the 100 mph deluge. Hear from the people who stood their ground against the lava and beat the odds. Stacy Keach narrates.

**Grey Wolves: U-Boats 1939 to 1941**

2005 NR 60 minutes

The scourge of the Atlantic Ocean during World War II, Hitler's U-boat "Wolf Packs" were described by Winston Churchill as his greatest fear. And these roving bands of submarines quickly became the biggest threat to England, cutting the country off from vital supply routes and almost starving it into submission. This documentary traces the escalation of the U-boat war from 1939-41 with striking images collected from captured German footage.

**Steam Locomotives I: The German Railway 1835-1919**

2009 NR 51 minutes

This informative documentary traces the early decades of Germany's steam locomotive revolution, which began in 1835 when an engine called the Adler successfully chugged from Nuremberg to the nearby Bavarian town of Fürth. Vintage photographs and archival documents detail the growth of Germany's steam railway system through World War I, and a segment takes viewers aboard the historic Adler engine itself.
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Gerald R. Ford: All American President

2007 NR 60 minutes

The man who healed the nation after Richard Nixon's impeachment and the turbulent Vietnam War years comes to life through these highlights from nine of his most important speeches. Excerpts are taken from Ford's speech pardoning Nixon, his declaration of amnesty for draft dodgers, his presidential campaign debate with Jimmy Carter, his nomination speech and the address he delivered in receiving the Profiles of Courage Award.

The War Zone: WWII: The War That Changed the World: Pearl Harbor

1999 NR 53 minutes

Chronicling the events surrounding Japan's Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor, this documentary also covers Japan's strategy and order of battle, the commanders and the attack's crippling effects on the United States Pacific Fleet. Using archival footage, this film sheds critical light on the strike that sparked America's involvement in World War II and what President Roosevelt described as "a day that will live in infamy."

War File: Atlantic Convoys

2008 NR 50 minutes

Travel beneath the Atlantic to witness the submarine battles that helped decide the course of World War II with this volume of War File. Vintage footage and computer graphics depict the combat in these claustrophobic ships. Noted historian Dr. Tim Bean of the Royal Military Academy discusses the German attempt to disrupt the Atlantic shipping lanes that were so crucial to Britain and the Soviet Union and the convoy system that helped defeat it.

Aftershock: Beyond the Civil War

2007 NR 90 minutes

The end of the Civil War was just the beginning of a chaotic period of rebuilding and recovery. As this History Channel documentary illustrates, the Reconstruction was almost as bloody as the years of war, as unscrupulous profiteers swept in to take advantage of the power vacuum that emerged in the South. Archival images and dramatic reenactments of important events show how racism, greed and anger merged in this turbulent era.

War File: Aircraft Carrier
From its first modern use in World War II through the present day, the aircraft carrier has changed the face of air and sea combat. This volume of War File follows its development and use from World War II through the wars in Korea and Vietnam. Historical combat footage, computer graphic simulations and expert commentary reveal the power and strategic advantages of the carrier around the world.

**Egypt Uncovered**

2004 NR 5 discs

This riveting multidisc documentary produced by the Discovery Channel demystifies ancient Egypt. Using topflight computer technology and graphics wizardry, Egyptologists bring the civilization's historical events and people to life. The film provides an illuminating study of subjects -- from mummification to demonology to the pyramids -- that have tantalized and baffled academicians and scientists for decades.

**Footsteps of Goliath**

2004 NR 46 minutes

Most of us know the biblical story of David and how he defeated the giant Goliath. But is what we've read really true, or is it all just a tall tale? Relying on ancient texts and the opinions of various experts, this fascinating documentary seeks to answer that question and many more -- even going so far as to reenact the legendary battle and re-create the look of the towering man David is said to have killed with a tiny slingshot.

**War File: Great Sea Battles of WWII**

2007 NR 58 minutes

Military sea power was arguably more critical during World War II than at any other time in history. This documentary from the "War File" series uses historical footage and computer-generated recreations to show the war's greatest sea battles. The program covers action in the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters, including a mission by Great Britain and the United States against German U-boats, and attacks on Germany's *Graf Spee* and *Bismarck*.

**War File: Great German Battleships of WWII**

2008 NR 55 minutes

Witness the might of the German fleet in this volume of the acclaimed War File documentary series. Combat footage and interviews with surviving German naval officers depict Britain's assault on the *Bismarck*, the greatest of Germany's battleships. Additional film and photos show the fleet's other titans, such as the *Tirpitz* and the *Scharnhorst*, in action, including the blockade-busting Channel Dash of 1942.

**War File: German Fighters: Aircraft of the Luftwaffe**

2008 NR 53 minutes

The power and engineering of the Luftwaffe led to German dominance of the air during the early years of World War II. This volume of the War File series examines the German fighters that were among the world's best. Rarely seen footage from both Allied and
German archives show the Messerschmitt Bf-109, Heinkel He-280, Focke-Wulf Fw-190 and other planes in combat. The film also reveals the potency of Germany's then-new air-to-air missile.

**War File: Carrier Warfare**

2007 NR 55 minutes

The might of the United States Navy during World War II is demonstrated in this volume of the "War File" documentary series. Then relatively new, the aircraft carrier proved vital to American success in the Pacific Theater. Combat footage from the era and computer-generated imagery reveals the role of the carrier in the Battle of the Coral Sea, Midway, Okinawa and the Battle of Leyte Gulf.

**Personal Journeys of World War II**

2007 NR 200 minutes

Hosted by silver-screen icon and World War II vet Glenn Ford, this comprehensive documentary series commemorates the war through the personal stories of wide-ranging individuals whose lives were forever changed during this extraordinary time. Through first-person accounts of remarkable personal sacrifice and heroism, the collection pays fitting tribute to those who carried America through an astonishingly challenging era.

**Women in Space: Profiles of the First American Women Astronauts**

2000 NR 55 minutes

Meet the elite group of women who shot through the glass ceiling of the U.S. astronaut program and ended up in outer space. This documentary recounts the amazing stories of these role models and features incredible flight footage from their journeys. You'll meet physicist Sally Ride, the first American woman to enter space; NASA administrator Mary Cleave; chemist Anna Fisher; and others. Karina Carrington hosts the program.

**The War Zone: Ultimate Evil: Gestapo**

2008 NR 51 minutes

Under the rule of Hermann Goering, the Nazi secret police known as the Gestapo were charged with arresting any suspected enemy of the Reich and using torture to elicit any useful confessions. The group's far-reaching influence stripped the courts of their powers and paved the way for the construction of concentration camps. This brutal chapter in 20th-century history is chronicled in this captivating documentary.

**The War Zone: The Ultimate Evil: The Occult History of the Third Reich**

2008 NR 2 discs

Step behind the treachery of the Third Reich to learn the peculiar mix of beliefs at the core of Hitler's Nazi movement. Rare archival footage sheds new light on this strange and horrific chapter of 20th-century history. This absorbing documentary is one of four parts of the Ultimate Evil collection, which chronicles various aspects of Hitler and the Nazi party's infamous deeds throughout Europe and beyond.
Troy
2004 NR 86 minutes

Get ready to discover the true story behind the legend of Troy! Heroes, a beautiful woman, impassioned lovers, a vengeful husband and a war that will ultimately destroy an entire civilization -- such is the legend of the famed city in Ancient Greece. Come with us on a fascinating journey of discovery as we uncover the truth and magic behind the myth. This unforgettable documentary brings to life an epic era long past, but never forgotten.

Journey to Oblivion: The Empress of Ireland Story
2001 NR 90 minutes

When the luxury ocean liner Empress of Ireland collided with the Norwegian coal vessel Storstad on May 29, 1914, it took a mere 14 minutes for the cruise ship to disappear beneath the sea, killing 1,012 of the 1,477 people aboard. Using archival photos, underwater photography, animation and interviews with a variety of experts, this fascinating documentary chronicles the story behind Canada's worst nautical disaster of all time.

The Spanish-American War: First Intervention
2007 NR 141 minutes

This fascinating History Channel program chronicles the highs and lows of the 113-day Spanish-American War, the so-called "splendid little war" that would establish the United States as a true and credible superpower. With the aid of archival footage and expert interviews, you'll learn about the sinking of the USS Maine, the Battle of Manila Bay and the legendary Rough Riders, who were commanded by future president Theodore Roosevelt.

Wings of Madness: The Daring Flights of Alberto Santos-Dumont
2007 NR 56 minutes

This hourlong "Nova" documentary profiles trailblazing Brazilian inventor Alberto Santos-Dumont, who piloted Europe's first plane flight but ultimately descended into despair and committed suicide. After flying a gas-powered dirigible balloon over Paris in 1901, Santos-Dumont gained worldwide fame, and his later aeronautical development work increased his celebrity -- until the Wright Brothers' growing reputation overshadowed his accomplishments.

The Forsaken Promise
2007 NR 164 minutes

This documentary traces the story of Britain's failure to implement the Balfour Declaration, in which it promised to establish a homeland for the Jewish people in Palestine shortly after World War I. Told from the perspective of participants in the events, the film chronicles the political and military circumstances that led to the collapse of the declaration and the turning away of Jewish immigrants from Palestine in the 1930s and '40s.

A Century of Quilts: America in Cloth
2006 NR 60 minutes

In 1999, four quilting organizations formed a team to select and assemble the 100 best quilts of the 20th century. The diverse stories behind many of the winning quilts are interwoven in this beautiful PBS documentary. The filmmakers travel across America to the
homes and studios of the notable quilters, including Jane Sassaman, Miriam Nathan Roberts, Jonathan Shannon and artist and writer Faith Ringgold.

Century of Warfare: History of U.S. at War

2000 NR 3 discs

Explore U.S. involvement in major military struggles during the 20th century with this sweeping documentary series that features in-depth segments on World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Presenting a wealth of archival film footage and analysis of the political, economic and social events that shaped each conflict, the informative series goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Fidel Castro: Lider Maximo

2009 NR 48 minutes

Follow Fidel Castro's transformation from his days as a fiery revolutionary lawyer to political prisoner and guerrilla leader, until he finally assumes control of Cuba and becomes his country's most strident voice for nationalism. The documentary shows how Castro's early life influenced his growing anger at the U.S.-backed Batista regime and examines his impact on world politics until he ceded power to his brother Raul in 2008.

Thunder in the Desert

2005 NR 60 minutes

Go behind the scenes at Edwards Air Force Base in this documentary that covers the history of the base, which began as a bombing range in 1933 and developed into one of the world's most important test centers. Gen. Chuck Yeager and other experts discuss what it's like to live and work on the base and profile some of the base's extraordinary programs such as the B-2 Bomber, Space Shuttle, X-1 Supersonic, F-15 Tail Slide and FA-22 Raptor.

Wild West's Most Wanted

2003 NR 50 minutes

Have you ever wondered who the real man was behind the sketch on a "Wanted" poster? Now, you can find out about the Wild West's most vaunted gunslingers -- such as Bill Doolin, Killin' Jim Miller and Butch Cassidy of "Hole in the Wall" fame. You'll learn the best way to rob a stagecoach and why the Colt .45 was such a feared weapon in the Wild West -- especially in the hands of a man who knew who to use it. Quick … draw!

Gargoyles: Guardians of the Gate

2005 NR 52 minutes

This comprehensive documentary investigates the history of gargoyles, the strange and sometimes frightening figures etched onto buildings and other structures thousands of years old. Who are they meant to represent, and what powers, if any, are they supposed to wield? Filmmakers interview the artists who create them, as well as historians and other experts who've studied them throughout the years to shed light on their purpose and significance.
Nero's Golden House

2001 NR 50 minutes

After the Great Fire of Rome, Emperor Nero constructed a magnificent building covered in gold leaf and jewels called the Domus Aurea, or Golden House. This documentary employs new discoveries and computer graphics to explore the notorious building. Rumored to accommodate the violent and perverse desires of the emperor, the Golden House was reviled by the populace, and Romans built the Coliseum over it after Nero's death.

Unsolved History: Wilhelm Gustloff: Deadliest Sea Disaster

2004 NR 50 minutes

When the Germany luxury liner Wilhelm Gustloff sank in the Baltic Sea in 1945, it marked the worst maritime disaster in history. (Six times the Titanic's number perished in under an hour.) See a detailed representation of the ship and learn how such a huge vessel could disappear so quickly under the waves. Part of Discovery Channel's "Unsolved History" series, which takes a detailed forensic approach to some of history's most vexing mysteries.

Prisoner of Paradise

2002 NR 90 minutes

Malcolm Clarke (You Don't Have to Die) and Stuart Sender directed this documentary feature about one of the leading theatrical figures in 1930s Berlin, Kurt Gerron. A popular actor, director and cabaret performer, Gerron, a German Jew, was later forced to write and direct a Nazi propaganda film while being held prisoner in a concentration camp.

The Panic Is On: The Great American Depression as Seen by the Common Man

2009 NR 72 minutes

From a soup kitchen in Manhattan to a striking labor force in North Carolina to a group of New Mexico Zuni Indians advising the white man on how to deal with tough times, this documentary shines a light on the many faces of the Great Depression. Using newsreel footage, propaganda films, eyewitness accounts, popular music, photographs and more, the film provides an overview of a time of great struggle as well as great courage and inventiveness.

Semper Fi: Marines in World War II: The Beginning of the End

2007 NR 110 minutes

Showcasing the bravery, skill and cunning for which the Marines are famous, this documentary focuses on a number of pivotal battles waged on the Pacific front during the final years of World War II. Archival footage and expert commentary shine a light on the battles of Saipan, Tinian, Peleliu, Iwo Jima and Okinawa as the Marines struggle to crack the inner ring of Japan's Pacific defense to begin an assault on that nation's home islands.

Four Days in November

1964 NR 122 minutes
This Oscar-nominated documentary uses an astonishing array of rare kinescopes, newsreel clips, amateur footage and re-enactments to examine the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963. The events covered span the arrival of President and Mrs. Kennedy in Dallas, the motorcade's procession, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson's swearing in and the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald by Jack Ruby.

**Boys of 2nd Street Park**

2003 R 91 minutes

This documentary explores the changing lives of a group of young boys during the 1960s. Faced with a tumultuous world full of societal divisions, the boys must deal with consequences of the Vietnam War and altered opinions regarding love, sex and drugs. A poignant look at a crazy time, the story evolves from how the boys dealt with things then to how they're still dealing with them now.

**America: Proud and Free Forever**

2003 NR 69 minutes

Take a tour of many of America's most iconic landmarks without ever leaving your couch! This documentary pays homage to the United States through a stunning visual journey to attractions such as the Statue of Liberty, the Vietnam War Memorial, the Alamo, the Grand Canyon and more. Dazzling camera angles are set against a soundtrack that includes all-American favorites "America the Beautiful," "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Yankee Doodle."

**Blood in the Face**

1991 NR 78 minutes

A blend of interviews, archival footage and white supremacy propaganda, this thought-provoking documentary takes an eye-opening look at the rise of neo-Nazism, fascism, the Ku Klux Klan and the Aryan Nation in the United States. Nominated for a Grand Jury Prize at Sundance, the film exposes a wide range of sometimes shocking beliefs, including the fear that illegal immigrants are entering the country with bombs strapped to their backs.

**Road of Hope: The Spiritual Journey of Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan**

2009 NR 60 minutes

This documentary chronicles the remarkable life of Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan, who endured 13 years as a political prisoner of Vietnam's communist regime in the 1970s and '80s -- including nine years in solitary confinement. Through interviews with friends and never-before-seen family videos, a picture emerges of a man who celebrated mass in secret during his years in captivity and whose writings have inspired millions.

**Great Kings of England: Richard the Lionheart**

1994 NR 50 minutes

Richard the Lionheart's short but eventful reign as king of England is brought to life through dramatic reconstructions, period imagery and expert commentary in this documentary presentation. In England only five months out of his 10-year reign, the third son of Henry II spent the majority of his time crusading and defending his land in France. Also chronicled are his imprisonment in Germany, his brother's attempt to seize the crown and more.
American Experience: Nixon

1990 NR 170 minutes

This video biography traces the life and career of one of America's most colorful and ambitious presidents, from his rise to power on an anti-communist platform, to his groundbreaking overtures to China, to his final disgrace over Watergate. Archival footage of key speeches and penetrating interviews with the movers and shakers of the time combine to help unravel the legacy and enigma of Richard Milhous Nixon.

Return to Kitty Hawk: 100 Years of Flight

2004 NR 44 minutes

A century after Orville and Wilbur Wright embarked on their history-making flight, pilot Ken Hyde heads a thrilling attempt by aeronautic engineers to replicate the machine that the sibling inventors built to test their theories about flight. The project, supported by the Experimental Aircraft Association and Ford Motor Company, is made all the more challenging by the fact that the brothers left behind little documentation about their process.

Quest for Columbus: In Search of the Santa Maria

2004 NR 50 minutes

'Twas the night before Christmas in 1492, and a ship called the Santa Maria hit the northern shores of Haiti, bringing travelers who, at first, appreciated the island's beauty and its residents, but later pillaged it out of greed. Follow adventurer Barry Clifford's search for answers to what took place after Columbus' ship docked, and examine archaeologist Kathy Deagan's study of a port rumored to be built from the vessel's wreckage.

Quest for the Lost Pharaoh

2004 NR 50 minutes

The Discovery Channel sets off on an admirable search for answers to a mystery that's puzzled Egyptologists for ages: Who was the pharaoh Pepy from the Old Kingdom? Join expert Vassil Dobrev as participates in a dig that aims to uncover the secrets of Pepy, who ruled during a period about which researchers know very little. But this excavation of a number of tombs in the area may change that, impacting Egyptian studies forever.

Nubia: The Forgotten Kingdom

2004 NR 50 minutes

Archaeologists Julie Andersen and Salah Ahmed travel back in time to unearth the mysteries of Nubia, an ancient kingdom in the heart of Africa now known as the Sudan. See how their team of researchers bore into the past (literally and figuratively) in this massive excavation dig of Dangeil, a Nubian city that's been recently discovered and that has provided, along with answers, even more questions that need to be explored.

Wings Over Water
Naval aviation played a critical part in making the United States a world power. This fascinating film combines newly found archival footage from some of the biggest battles with lively interviews with veterans. From the Teddy Roosevelt era to the present, the tale of naval aviation and American foreign policy has been dramatically punctuated by technological development, shifts in foreign relations, international conflict and war.

unsolved history: the donner party
2004 NR 45 minutes

In the winter of 1846, the 87 pioneers of the Donner Party led their wagons into the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Four months later, only half the settlers came back. Via a crack team of investigators, this documentary reveals the truth behind the survivors' shocking accounts of starvation, death and cannibalism. Part of Discovery Channel's "Unsolved History" series, which takes a detailed forensic approach to some of history's most vexing mysteries.

unsolved history: death of the uss maine
2004 NR 50 minutes

Learn the truth about the naval disaster that touched off the Spanish-American War in 1898. Did the USS Maine fall victim to a floating mine in Havana Harbor, or was that just the pretext for an easily winnable war with Spain? Part of Discovery Channel's "Unsolved History" series, which takes a detailed forensic approach to some of history's most vexing mysteries via a painstaking examination of photographs, artifacts and interviews.

unsolved history: 1906: the great quake cover-up
2004 NR 50 minutes

On April 18, 1906, an earthquake measuring 8.3 on the Richter scale leveled San Francisco, killing 500, leaving thousands homeless and causing millions of dollars in damage. In this documentary, intrepid investigators reveal how -- and why -- the number of casualties was significantly underreported at the time. Part of Discovery Channel's "Unsolved History" series, which takes a forensic approach to some of history's most vexing mysteries.

attack and capture: the story of u-boat 505
2004 NR 52 minutes

When the men of the U.S. Naval Task Force 22.3 captured a German U-boat in June 1944, it was the first seizure of its kind since more than 100 years earlier. Get on board this notable vessel to obtain a first-hand account of what really happened on that summer day so many years ago. Through archival footage and interviews with crews from both sides, this documentary will make you feel as if you're reliving the historic event.

the wright stuff
2004 NR 50 minutes

It took two brothers from North Carolina, Orville and Wilbur Wright -- whose jobs were to tend to bicycles, not extraordinarily complicated machines -- to conquer the mystery of flight. In this captivating documentary, watch as pilot Rick Young attempts to
retrace the Wrights' steps and construct a replica of the plane built by the siblings. But Young doesn't stop there; the next step is to make the plane fly. Will his creation take to the skies?

**Terry Jones' Barbarians**

2006 NR 2 discs

Terry Jones of Monty Python fame leads a humorous but intellectual journey through Roman history to discover the truth about barbarians and, in doing so, challenges traditional notions about these warriors. The four-part BBC documentary includes segments on the Celtic Barbarians, Caesar's Gallic Wars, the Dacian Wars, the ancient Greeks and Persians, Attila the Hun, Vandal leader Geiseric, the Sack of Rome and much more.

**Unsolved History: Roswell**

2004 NR 50 minutes

Join a crack team of investigators as they try to answer the riddle of what really crashed in the barren desert near Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947. Was it alien or human-made? Part of Discovery Channel's "Unsolved History" series, which takes a detailed forensic approach to some of history's most vexing mysteries via a painstaking examination of photographs, artifacts and carefully vetted interviews from experts and eyewitnesses.

**Charles Dickens' London: Part 2: Works**

2006 NR 104 minutes

See London through the eyes of Charles Dickens in this engaging tour that visits Dickens's Doughty Street home, where he composed some of his most beloved books, as well as sites throughout the city found in his many novels and stories. Fans of *Oliver Twist*, *Bleak House*, *Great Expectations*, *David Copperfield* and others of Dickens's tales will be delighted to see the settings of their favorite works now spring to life.

**Barnstormers: 360 Degrees**

2005 NR 30 minutes

In 1999, artist David Ellis gathered a group of colleagues to paint murals on the sides of crumbling tobacco barns in his hometown of Cameron, N.C., earning the group the nickname "the Barnstormers." This fascinating program records the group's deconstruction of a 1930s tobacco barn and its subsequent reconstruction in the Southeast Center for Contemporary Art in Winston-Salem, after which the building was returned to its home in Cameron.

**Unsolved History: JFK: Altered Statesman**

2004 NR 50 minutes

Discover the secret, psychological history of JFK. Historians reveal that the direction of President Kennedy's administration was significantly influenced by the president's chronic pain, and that his policies were often a product of his chemical dependency (as much as his political ideology). Part of Discovery Channel's "Unsolved History" series, which takes a detailed forensic approach to some of history's most vexing mysteries.
A History of Hispanic Achievement in America

2006 NR 4 discs

Host Patricia Lopez guides you through this comprehensive series spanning more than 500 years of Latino accomplishments in America, revisiting memorable events that shaped the nation's history. From serving on the battlefields to their contributions to Western commerce and culture in the fields of medicine, science, entertainment, sports and journalism, Hispanic Americans' achievements are part of the rich tapestry of the United States.

Unsolved History: Inside Hitler's Bunker

2004 NR 50 minutes

Using authentic period photographs, paint samples, state-of-the-art mapping techniques and original plans, this documentary resurrects (via digital reconstruction) Hitler's Berlin bunker as it existed more than 50 years ago. Part of Discovery Channel's "Unsolved History" series, which takes a detailed forensic approach to some of history's most vexing mysteries via a painstaking examination of photographs, artifacts and interviews.

The Star-Spangled Banner

2004 NR 50 minutes

This documentary tells the epic story of the War of 1812, particularly the siege of Fort McHenry in Baltimore. Historians and scholars reveal how, had the fort fallen, the consequences of the siege might've been disastrous. (The British had already taken the White House and burned the capital.) Discover how the victory inspired Francis Scott Key to pen a patriotic poem in tribute to the giant flag that proudly waved during a 25-hour bombardment.

Where's Jimmy Hoffa?

1992 NR 85 minutes

In this intriguing documentary, testimony from law enforcement and ex-labor leaders, newsreels, home movies and a rare Jimmy Hoffa interview give viewers fascinating insight into the life and disappearance of the infamous Teamsters union leader. There's little doubt that Hoffa fell victim to foul play. But after more than 30 years, the whereabouts of his remains is still one of the greatest mysteries in the American crime catalog.

Story of the Fighting I: The USS Intrepid

1995 NR 50 minutes

Seventeen stories tall and three football fields long, the magnificent USS Intrepid was one of the fiercest warships ever to steam out of a Navy shipyard. From the epic World War II battle for the Leyte Gulf to its service during Vietnam, the "Fighting I" and her crew could always be found at the center of the action. Trace the story of this mighty carrier and the men who fought and died on her decks.

Looking for Lincoln

2009 NR 120 minutes
Digging deep to find the man behind the myth, historian Henry Louis Gates Jr. travels from Illinois to Gettysburg, Pa., to Washington, D.C., to talk to people who live, eat and breathe by their studies of America’s 16th president. With Pulitzer Prize winners (including Tony Kushner), former presidents (including Bill Clinton), and scholars all contributing their analysis, a complex picture of Lincoln emerges in this PBS documentary.

A History of the U.S. Constitution

2005 G 4 discs

Once the Virginia colonies initiated the First Legislative Assembly in 1619, the seeds of the U.S. Constitution were planted in American soil, establishing a protective foundation for the nation's future. Actor Jeff Fahey serves as host for this remarkable collection, which traces the venerated document's origin and chronicles significant historical events that tested the defensive armor of the Constitution's principles.

Napoleon Bonaparte: The Glory of France

1997 NR 50 minutes

Napoleon Bonaparte stands with Alexander as one of the greatest military commanders ever. As a ruler, he brought France to unprecedented heights of glory, only to see it all unravel as a result of his arrogance. Trace the life and legend of the Corsican commander through extensive research, documents, artifacts and the testimony of scholars. Examine Napoleon's military victories and then discover the errors that cost him even greater triumphs.

A History of Black Achievement in America

2005 NR 4 discs

This first-rate documentary series recounts the achievements of black Americans, whose tenacious spirit helped them survive slavery and segregation -- and the long struggle for civil rights and equality. In the face of a deck stacked against them, they've constructed black-owned schools, churches and businesses, all while establishing a strong family system and helping to turn the United States into progressive nation. Actor James Avery narrates.

Lewis & Clark: Explorers of the New Frontier

1993 NR 50 minutes

In 1804, 35 men set out from St. Louis, Missouri, led by Merriweather Lewis and William Clark. The expedition made it to the Pacific Ocean and back, mapping the vast new lands Thomas Jefferson had acquired (as part of The Louisiana Purchase), making contact with Native American tribes and collecting samples of flora and fauna along the way. Archival photos, period accounts and the explorers' journals inform this fascinating documentary.

War File: The Desert War

2008 NR 55 minutes

This "War File" episode profiles Erwin Rommel, Adolf Hitler's personal choice to fight the British in North Africa, and his Afrika Korps. Rare wartime footage shows the Korps exerting the power that nearly led to their seizure of the Suez Canal. Maps and graphics track the balance of power in the region in 1941 and '42, including the sweep of armored Panzer divisions that were key to the Nazis' strength on every front of the war.
**The Medals of World War II**

2006 NR 51 minutes

This heartfelt historical program pays tribute to the heroic deeds of World War II veterans by telling the stories behind the medals they earned, in the words of the men and women who earned them. Highlights include the fascinating truth about why some 14 million Americans didn't immediately receive their medallions upon returning home from combat: Due to increased production of ammunition during wartime, there wasn't enough brass to make them.

**War File: The Afrika Korps**

2008 NR 50 minutes

"The War File" documentary series examines the role of Panzer tanks in the Afrika Korps, the powerful Nazi expeditionary force led by "Desert Fox" Erwin Rommel. Rare footage reveals how the Korps' mobility nearly drove the British from North Africa. Historians and armored warfare experts discuss the shift of power that could have landed the Suez Canal under Nazi control and changed the direction of World War II.

**11/4/08**

2010 NR 70 minutes

On November 4, 2008, the drama of Barack Obama's victory in the U.S. presidential election transfixed the world. Weeks before, director Jeff Deutchman asked filmmakers living around the globe to record their experiences on that fateful day. Using footage shot in Chicago, St. Louis, Geneva, New Delhi, Berlin and more, the documentary provides a sweeping, emotional look at peoples' hopes and concerns about the historic moment as it unfolded.

**Great American Monuments: The White House**

2004 NR 50 minutes

It was first called the Presidential Palace. But from the completion of its construction in 1792, the White House has always been the property of a democratic people -- as intimate and accessible as it is palatial. Take a remarkable historical tour of the White House, from its construction (with slave labor) and subsequent burning at the hands of British troops to modern additions such as indoor plumbing, telephones and even bowling alleys.

**War File: Barbarossa**

2008 NR 48 minutes

This volume of "The War File" series covers Operation Barbarossa, the Nazis' June 1941 raid on the Soviet Union. At the heart of the invasion were the Panzers, tanks so effective they made the name synonymous with relentless armored battle. Footage of the monstrous machines in battle accompanies schematic 3-D computer models, a look at surviving specimens, and commentary on armored battle by historians and authorities.

**Italians in America: The Journey / Home**
The poignant saga of Italians in America comes to life in this moving profile that follows their journey from Columbus's voyage to the present day. Italian-Americans such as Rudy Giuliani and Gay Talese tell their families' stories, and historians relate the suspicion and fear that greeted the waves of immigrants from the "old country." Rare footage and photos capture the bustling, family-centered life of "Little Italy" communities in America.

Knights and Armor

Journey back to the days of chivalry and knighthood for the story of the quintessential knight (William Marshal) and discover the arms, technology, warfare and romance of his majestic profession. Join Marshal on the parade grounds and battlefields, where his astonishing successes made him a legend, and trace the history of arms and armor with an up-close look at the world-famous Graz collection of armor in Austria.

Marie Antoinette: Queen of Versailles

Born an Austrian princess, Marie Antoinette was sent to the French court at age 14 to marry into the royal family as part of a peace treaty. This fascinating documentary examines the life and legend of one of Europe's most famous crowned heads. Best remembered as the queen who was guillotined during the height of the French Revolution, the wife of King Louis XVI displayed remarkable courage as the entire nation turned against her.

F. Scott Fitzgerald: The Great American Dreamer

Fitzgerald's flamboyant lifestyle epitomized the glittering excess of the roaring twenties. His classic stories made him one of the most important American authors of the century. Incredible footage shows Fitzgerald in his element, while interviews with family members present an intimate portrait of a literary giant whose life was touched by tragedy. Authors Tobias Wolff and Joseph Heller reflect on Fitzgerald's legacy and lasting influence.

George Washington: Founding Father

From his youth of privilege to his inauguration as the nation's first president, explore George Washington's remarkable life in this compelling portrait of a man who first distinguished himself in the British forces before creating the army that would ultimately defeat them. This film is a stirring look at the American hero who remains, in the words of Henry Lee: "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Modern Marvels: Golden Gate Bridge

The Golden Gate Bridge ranks as the most popular man-made tourist attraction in the United States. But critics said it could never be built. Explore the incredible story behind the world's most spectacular bridge in this documentary. See incredible footage of the
bridge's construction as storms battered workers and fog shrouded construction, and learn why engineer Joseph B. Strauss's plans proved to be a masterpiece of design and function.

**Jesus: His Life**

1995 NR 100 minutes

From his birth in Bethlehem to his Crucifixion, here is the story of Jesus of Galilee. Join leading scholars and theologians as they explore the mysteries and myths of Jesus's miraculous life and legacy. You'll walk the Holy Lands and hear his words, and you'll also discover new archaeological findings that are yielding fresh insights into the life and times of one of the most celebrated and revered figures in history.

**Sacagawea: Heroine of the Lewis and Clark Journey**

2004 NR 60 minutes

The daughter of a Shoshone chief, Sacagawea came to be known as an instrumental party to the journey of explorers Lewis and Clark. Married to the explorers' French interpreter, Sacagawea provided them with eased introductions to the many Indians they encountered during their travels. This film uses reenactments of the courageous heroine's life, from her childhood spent in captivity to her historic passage with Lewis and Clark.

**Legendary Sin Cities: Paris, Berlin and Shanghai**

2005 NR 150 minutes

In between the world's biggest wars, the cities of Paris, Berlin and Shanghai, China, thrived as centers of culture, debauchery and sin - which only increased their popularity among lost souls everywhere. In this intriguing collection, three one-hour documentaries examine the notorious towns as they were then (and as they are now), relying on archival film, feature-film excerpts and evocative music from the period.

**Battle for Warsaw**

2004 NR 48 minutes

The tragic story of the 1944 Warsaw Uprising (in which 250,000 Poles died fighting the occupying Nazi forces) is chronicled in this filmed record of the epic event. With some shocking new footage unearthed from the vaults, this documentary is an indispensable guide to the horrific events that unfolded. Listen to eyewitness accounts and view haunting depictions of mass graves and troops storming into the beleaguered country.

**West Point: The First 200 Years**

2002 NR 120 minutes

From the 19th century and the Civil War through both World War I and II and beyond, the U.S. Military Academy has produced some of the nation's most outstanding men and women, political leaders and tragic characters. In this 2-hour documentary, discover how West Point has influenced not only its graduates, but also the fate of the nation and the world.
Battlefield: Arnhem: Operation Market Garden

2001 NR 105 minutes

This episode of the documentary series details British Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery's disastrous 1944 Operation Market Garden through archival footage and in-depth coverage of the operation's strategies, weapons and key figures. Meant to end World War II, the plan instead wiped out the British 1st Airborne and left Germany in control of key areas near the Rhine River. The failed operation was the subject of the classic film A Bridge Too Far.

War Stories

2002 NR 150 minutes

Get firsthand accounts of the brutality and heroism exhibited during and after World War II. This video presents some fascinating stories: interviews with a British prisoner who survived Auschwitz; a spy who was captured by the Nazis and sent to prison camp later gives evidence to the war tribunals; a soldier who was tortured by the Gestapo later becomes a celebrated Nazi hunter; and much more.

Heir to an Execution

2004 NR 99 minutes

A half-century after the controversial execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg as Communist spies in the service of the Soviet Union, the couple's granddaughter, Ivy Meeropol, reflects on their lives, principles and ultimate sacrifice. This documentary includes extensive footage of the Rosenbergs at the time of the trial, as well as commentary from the Rosenbergs' friend Morton Sobell and their son Michael Meeropol.

The City

1939 NR 132 minutes

Fueled by American composer Aaron Copland's rousing score, this documentary produced for the 1939 New York World's Fair -- one of the largest world's fairs of all time -- presents the city as a living, breathing mass of people from all walks of life. In addition to representing one of Copland's finest film achievements, The City is often cited for its then-innovative blend of music, narration and cinematography.

Great Kings of England: William the Conqueror

1996 NR 50 minutes

Nobleman of Normandy, wise warrior and eventual king of England William the Conqueror's victory over England in the 1066 Battle of Hastings is forever etched in the history books. This program explores the defining events of the great Norman king's 20-year reign, from the creation of the Domesday Book to the construction of Westminster Abbey and numerous churches, each achievement solidifying William as a visionary ruler for England.

Great Kings of England: King Henry VIII

1994 NR 50 minutes
Through dramatic re-creations and expert analysis, this fascinating documentary traces the life of King Henry VIII, the colorful monarch who ruled England and Ireland from 1509 until his death in 1547. Henry ruthlessly expanded the royal government's power, which he used to launch the country's Protestant Reformation after breaking with the Catholic Church. Famed for his marital problems, Henry wed six times, "divorcing" two wives via execution.

**Great Kings of England: King Charles I**

2000 NR 50 minutes

Featuring historical re-creations and authoritative commentary, this comprehensive documentary explores the life and times of King Charles I, who ruled England, Scotland and Ireland from 1625 until his execution in 1649. Though Charles was a deeply religious man who loved his family, his deceit and procrastination contributed greatly to the bloodshed and loss of two English civil wars and to the monarch's eventual downfall.

**Rodin: The Gates of Hell**

1981 NR 53 minutes

Compelled to create a masterpiece, French sculptor Auguste Rodin dedicated nearly 37 years of his life to construct the famous *Gates of Hell*, a pair of massive doors adorned with figures inspired by Dante's *Inferno*. Although the project was not completed during his lifetime, the vision of this remarkable artist was finally achieved in 1977 when the piece was meticulously cast in bronze using the traditional lost-wax process.

**That's Dancing!**

1985 G 104 minutes

Ray Bolger, Liza Minnelli, Sammy Davis Jr. and Mikhail Baryshnikov host this MGM-produced retrospective of dance in film. Drawing from the MGM archives as well as those of other studios, the film debuts the uncut version of Bolger's "If I Only Had a Brain" number from *The Wizard of Oz* and includes a slew of other famous dance routines from films such as *42nd Street*, *Oklahoma*, *Flashdance*, *Saturday Night Fever* and more.

**Brothers in Arms**

2004 NR 78 minutes

In 1969, six men met on a swift boat on the Mekong Delta during some of the worst fighting of the Vietnam War. Five of the men were crewmates; their commander was a young Yale graduate named John Kerry. Together, they endured the horrors of Vietnam and would remain friends for the next 35 years. Through interviews, photographs and archival footage, this powerful and emotional film relates their experiences both in Vietnam and after the war.

**Monarchy: Set 1**

2006 NR 2 discs

The lives of English sovereigns are exhaustively chronicled in this absorbing documentary series, beginning with the rulers of Anglo-Saxon times and ending with Charles II's restoration of the crown in 1660. Featuring David Starkey's compelling narration and dramatizations of events such as the Norman Conquest in 1066 and Queen Elizabeth I's majestic reign, the program illustrates how the monarchs affected the course of British and world history. Set 1 includes Series 1 and 2.
Mark Twain’s America

1998 G 52 minutes

Take a fascinating look at the growth of America through the eyes of celebrated author and humorist Mark Twain in this 1998 3-D IMAX film. See how Twain's world of river boats and the Old West is still very much a part of the modern world's fast-paced environment. The film's entertaining mix of archival photos and present-day live action makes the life and times of Mark Twain come alive right before your very eyes!

National Geographic: Is it Real? Da Vinci's Code

2006 NR 60 minutes

Ever since the debut of Dan Brown's best-selling novel about an alleged "code" in Leonardo da Vinci's paintings, public fascination with the artist, his works and their connections to Christianity has been at an all-time high. In an effort to separate fact from fiction, this episode of the National Geographic series explores the book's controversial claims -- the most provocative of which romantically links Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene.

Victory in the Gulf

2007 NR 60 minutes

After Saddam Hussein invaded the sovereign nation of Kuwait in 1990, the United States, along with other allied nations, used its superior armed forces to defeat the dictator. Track the major events from the beginning of the war all the way through to its conclusion. Through incredible combat footage, examine the state-of-the art technology used to bring down Saddam's military, including tanks, airplanes, missiles, small arms and more.

The Terry Jones Collection: Ancient Inventions

1998 NR 150 minutes

Leave it to Monty Python veteran Terry Jones to put the fun back in history -- like describing how (and why) an ox once landed on the floor of the Roman senate -- in this collection of episodes from his documentary series. The irreverent comedian-historian hosts a survey of ancient weaponry, a titillating look at sex and love (in that order) through the centuries, and a tour of the origins of modern cities.

The Story of the London Underground

2006 NR 60 minutes

Explore the history of the world's first underground railway through interviews with experts and archival film footage in this riveting documentary. Opened in 1863 to help solve the city's traffic problems, London's Underground converted from steam to electricity in 1907. Expansion in the 1920s and '30s correlated with the spread of the suburbs, and continued growth led to the system that now carries more than 2.5 million passengers daily.

Richard the Lionheart
Richard the Lionheart captured the public imagination with his athleticism and good looks, as well as through his role as the legendary protector of the beloved outlaw Robin Hood. During Richard's 10 years on the throne, he spent most of his time on foreign soil fighting in the Crusades. This fascinating documentary tells the story of the powerful monarch who extended England's political influence through his daring military campaigns.

**Arthur: King & Country**

2006 NR 60 minutes

Although scholars have debated for years whether England's King Arthur actually existed, the shadow of his legend looms large in modern discussions about chivalry, fairness and peace. Exploring the characters and locales most closely associated with the elusive monarch, this program visits Arthur's supposed birthplace in Cornwall, his alleged grave in Glastonbury Abbey and the hill in which he and his knights are said to be sleeping.

**The Real Pirates of the Caribbean**

2006 NR 60 minutes

Pirates aren't simply the stuff of action-packed films -- they have a fascinating history all their own that's explored in this documentary, which digs up the truth behind buccaneers such as Blackbeard, Black Bart, Captain Kidd and more. In addition to touching on events of the late 1600s, the film takes a look at modern-day pirates from the perspectives of the law enforcement officials who try their best to track them down.

**Fighter**

2001 NR 86 minutes

A unique adventure unfolds as two friends take a risky road trip into their past. Together, Jan Wiener and Arnost Lustig -- both survivors of Hitler's invasion of Czechoslovakia and now living in America -- revisit scenes of romance and humor, of narrow escapes from life-or-death confrontations. But their journey home eventually turns into a clash of personalities that takes their friendship to the brink.

**A Newsreel History of the Third Reich: Vol. 3**

2006 NR 85 minutes

Part of a series, this compilation of World War II newsreel footage produced by Joseph Goebbels's propaganda ministry chronicles the Battle of Dunkirk, the German occupation of Copenhagen and other events of early 1940. These films were shown to the citizens of Germany to promote Hitler and the Nazi party. Volume 3 also includes newsreels of France's surrender to the Germans and the Nazi occupation of Denmark.

**American Experience: Earth Days**

2009 NR 102 minutes

Robert Stone's absorbing documentary revisits that April day in 1970 when 20 million Americans participated in the first Earth Day, a far-reaching call to action that helped to forge the modern environmental movement. Amazing archival footage combines with in-
depth profiles of nine key players in the movement to chart the growth of the public's understanding of the environmental crisis. The film premiered at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival.

The Churchills

1996 NR 150 minutes

The Churchills is a fascinating look at one of Britain's greatest political families. From the first, tentative forays into political life during the 18th century to the meteoric rise of the family's favorite son -- Winston -- culminating in victory during World War II, the Churchill legacy proved itself incalculably valuable to Britain and the world.

World Almanac Video: Mummies and Pyramids: Egypt and Beyond

2002 NR 200 minutes

Learn what archaeologists have discovered about bygone societies from the mysteries of pyramids and mummies in this fascinating documentary collection that takes you to Egypt, Chile and Peru. "The Ultimate Guide to Pyramids," "The Pyramid of Doom: An Ancient Murder Mystery," "The Oldest Mummies in the World" and "Desert Mummies of Peru" feature interviews with experts as well as a look into excavations, ancient rituals and beliefs and more.

Stealth

2007 NR 60 minutes

Since the early stages of World War II, aircraft designers on both sides of the Atlantic have sought ways to render combat aircraft undetectable, planes invisible to radar, infrared, heat sensors and, possibly most important, the naked eye. This informative documentary recounts the attempts of the world's top engineers to cloak various aircraft used in surprise attacks, reconnaissance missions and covert intelligence gathering.

King: Man of Peace in a Time of War

2006 NR 60 minutes

Speaking candidly on the topic of black participation in the Vietnam War, Dr. King makes a special appearance on the popular television talk series "The Mike Douglas Show." Not seen since 1967, this rare interview captures the passion and commitment of the great civil rights leader. Combined with archival footage and conversations with notables Rev. Jesse Jackson and former Secretary of State Colin Powell, this is a must-watch tribute.

Davy Crockett: American Frontier Legend

2000 NR 50 minutes

Frontiersman Davy Crockett may never have worn that coonskin cap, but the legendary figure deserves his place in history for forging new roads in the Western territories. From his days as a hunter and scout to his role in the battle at Alamo and a remarkable political career in which he served three congressional terms, Crockett's life is chronicled in this biography through period art, artifacts and accounts and interviews with leading historians.
**Great American Monuments: The War Memorials**

2005 NR 50 minutes

Discover the history behind some of America's most touching memorials dedicated to those who lost their lives fighting for their country. Visit the endless rows of Arlington National Cemetery's white crosses and learn the history of the Vietnam Memorial. This History Channel documentary takes viewers to a silent tribute at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and on a visit to the eternal flame at the grave of John F. Kennedy.

**Vietnam War Secrets**

2008 NR 4 discs

One of America's most contentiously debated conflicts is reassessed in this deeply researched investigation. Producer Edward Rasen uses documents released by the U.S. Department of Defense to build his case that the public was never told certain troubling truths about the Vietnam War. Interviews with CIA analysts and other U.S. officials, as well as with Vietnamese leaders, are interspersed with rarely seen archival footage.

**Through Deaf Eyes**

2007 NR 120 minutes

Emmy-winning actress Stockard Channing narrates this documentary that chronicles the history of deaf culture in America from the 19th century to the present day. Interviews with actress Marlee Matlin, community leaders and other deaf Americans provide an up-front and diverse perspective of this segment of society. Short films created by deaf artists are interspersed throughout the in-depth program.

**The Pirate Code: Real Pirates**

2008 NR 50 minutes

Discover what life was really like as an 18th-century buccaneer in this documentary that examines the career of Black Sam Bellamy -- known as the Prince of Pirates for his famed generosity -- and his ship, the Whydah Gally. Salvage expert Barry Clifford directs a recovery operation on the treasure-laden vessel, uncovering artifacts that open a fascinating window into the daily life of these brigands of the sea.

**American Experience: The Summer of Love**

2007 NR 60 minutes

In the summer of 1967, thousands of young people arrived at San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury neighborhood to join in on the celebrated hippie experience. But all was not peace and love, and by 1968, the movement had developed some very bad vibes. Using archival footage and interviews with the people who experienced that historic season firsthand, "American Experience" takes a trip back to the Summer of Love.

**Modern Marvels: Independence Day: The History of July 4th**

2005 NR 50 minutes
Beyond the barbecues and fireworks, this documentary delves into the history and traditions of the Fourth of July. The occasion dates back to America's first Independence Day celebration, which took place after the Declaration of Independence was read in Philadelphia in 1776. Although parties have taken place every year since, July 4 wasn't declared a holiday until 1941. Learn more facts and see footage from festivities around the country.

Secrets of the Dead: Headless Romans
2007 NR 60 minutes
Modern scientists must investigate when 45 ancient skeletons, all missing their heads, are uncovered in the garden of a quiet home in York, England. Using early records, archaeological clues and modern forensics, the team pieces together the puzzle to determine that the skeletons date to the Roman era. Even more digging reveals that the bodies may all be the victims of an infamous -- and surprising -- mass murderer.

Modern Marvels: The Technology of Kitty Hawk
2001 NR 50 minutes
Join the Wright brothers on their remarkable quest to give man wings. From their early experiments in aviation to their groundbreaking flight at Kitty Hawk in 1903, this program traces how two bicycle mechanics from North Carolina beat out the leading engineers and scientists of the day to become the fathers of the aerial age. Personal accounts and artifacts from the Wrights are included, as well as a detailed look at the historic '03 Flyer.

Secrets of the Dead: Herculaneum Uncovered
2007 NR 60 minutes
Two thousand years ago, the prosperous Italian town of Herculaneum was destroyed by superheated volcanic material from nearby Mount Vesuvius. This documentary explains how the disaster preserved the city inside molten rock and mud, creating a fascinating snapshot of everyday life in Roman times. Using modern forensics, researchers also show what happened to Herculaneum's unfortunate residents as temperatures climbed to 1,000 degrees or more.

John & Abigail Adams: American Experience
2005 NR 120 minutes
Narrated by David Ogden Stiers, this installment of the PBS series "American Experience" focuses on the relationship of John and Abigail Adams, the nation's first power couple, recreating dialogue based on the couple's correspondence. Founding father John was a visionary statesman and an often exasperating man, while Abigail, an astute observer of the political landscape, voiced opinions at a time when women were excluded from affairs of state.

Terry Sanford and the New South
2007 NR 60 minutes
North Carolina governor Terry Sanford found himself in a quandary in February 1960 when four black men sat down at a Woolworth counter in Greensboro, N.C., and demanded to be served. Filmmaker Thomas Lennon tells the story of the progressive politician who presided over cultural sea changes in the New South. The program includes interviews with former North Carolina governor Jim Hunt and Sen. John Edwards, who cites Sanford as his political hero.
Secrets of the Dead: Battle for the Bible

2007 NR 60 minutes

This PBS investigative show examines three key figures in the translation and proliferation of the English Bible: 14th-century theologian and reformer John Wycliffe, 16th-century translator William Tyndale and Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer. Their struggles to translate the tightly guarded ancient texts into everyday language had far-reaching effects that ultimately led to the Protestant Reformation.

Modern Marvels: Polio Vaccine

1997 NR 50 minutes

The search for a vaccine that would eradicate polio was a quest that frustrated the brightest minds in medicine. But in the early 1950s, a young American doctor named Jonas Salk made a revolutionary breakthrough that forever changed the world and ultimately saved millions of lives. Through interviews with both polio victims and scientists, this installment of the History Channel's "Modern Marvels" series illuminates Salk's dramatic discovery.

Great American Monuments: The Presidential Memorials

2005 NR 50 minutes

Late one night in 1864, a group of men rushed the shack where the watchman for the Washington Monument lived and barricaded the door. The thieves stole a block of marble blessed by the pope that was to be placed in the monument. It was never recovered. This is one of the many intriguing stories about the country's presidential memorials. Also, see graffiti from the 1800s and learn about Nixon's secret meeting at the Lincoln Memorial.

In Search of History: The Holy Grail

2005 NR 50 minutes

Used by Jesus at the Last Supper and by Joseph of Arimathea to collect Christ's blood at the crucifixion, the Holy Grail remains one of the most sacred Christian relics. But while it received prominent play in Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, in reality, the artifact has never been found. This fascinating program talks with scholars and other grail-seekers to unravel the mysteries of its purported powers and to speculate on its whereabouts.

Butch Cassidy and the Outlaw Trail

2003 NR 57 minutes

Journey from Utah and Wyoming to Argentina and Bolivia to uncover the real story of the West's most famous outlaw, Butch Cassidy. Narrated by Hal Holbrook, this documentary reveals new facts about the life of Butch and Sundance on their Argentina ranch. It follows Butch's life from his youth in Utah to the shootout in a remote Bolivian village that still has some wondering: Did Butch die in South America, or did he return to the United States?

When Giants Roamed: The Golden Age of Steam
This in-depth A&E program takes you under the hood of one of the most important vehicles in history -- the steam train -- revealing fascinating details about the influential engines. Along the way, you'll experience the Union Pacific's famed "Big Boy"; ride the Chesapeake & Ohio and the Norfolk & Western lines; and visit far-flung museums and rail yards to view some of the largest iron horses in captivity.

**America's Greatest Moments**

2004 NR 2 discs

During the 20th century, America ruled the roost! Through the industrial revolution, the invention of the telephone and two cataclysmic world wars, the United States, as a country, came into its own on the world stage. Meet some of the greatest figures (John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Ronald Reagan) and view some of the greatest events in history in this riveting documentary about America's best -- and sometimes worst -- moments.

**The Vatican Revealed**

1999 NR 50 minutes

Most know that Vatican City -- located in northwest Rome -- is the seat of the Catholic Church, the home of the pope and the final resting place of St. Peter. But what many don't realize is that, at just 108.7 acres, it's also the smallest nation on the planet. Through the words of church historians and religious scholars, this A&E program reveals a rarely seen side of city with a fascinating history -- and an arsenal of well-guarded secrets.

**Hatfields & McCoys: An American Feud**

1974 NR 50 minutes

In the heart of Appalachia, along the border of the Tug Fork River, a family feud ignited when Floyd Hatfield stole a hog from an unsuspecting Randolph McCoy in 1878. After 11 years' time, a dozen people lay dead -- and the national press had a field day with exaggerating details in subsequent coverage. More than 100 years later, this "Biography" installment seeks to set the story straight by talking with descendants of both fabled families.

**Susan B. Anthony: Rebel for the Cause**

2005 NR 50 minutes

Interviews with historians, illustrations, photographs and dramatizations document the life and legacy of suffragist Susan B. Anthony in this A&E biography. The trailblazing feminist leader persevered in the face of mockery, threats, insults and arrest to realize her ambition: voting rights for women. Although Anthony died before passage of the 19th Amendment enfranchising women, her crusade forever changed America's political landscape.

**Biblical Mysteries: Sodom and Gomorrah**

2001 NR 44 minutes

Join biblical scholar turned archeology enthusiast Mike Sanders on an intriguing journey through the Middle East as he explores the region for proof of the existence of Sodom and Gomorrah, the fabled cities of the well-known biblical tale. Guided by satellite
photography, submarine footage and ancient maps, Sanders leaves no stone unturned in his search for evidence of two of history's greatest symbols of debauchery and self-indulgence.

**John Wilkes Booth**

2005 NR 50 minutes

Radical Confederate John Wilkes Booth is infamous for assassinating President Abraham Lincoln, but what led the handsome actor to commit such a desperate act? This biography tells Booth's story from his family's history of mental illness and growing support of slavery to his role in abolitionist John Brown's execution while in the Virginia militia and his numerous attempts to harm Lincoln before finally fatally shooting him at Ford's Theatre.

**Carson and Cody: The Hunter Heroes**

2005 NR 100 minutes

Frontiersmen Kit Carson and "Buffalo" Bill Cody braved America's Western territories, forging a path for others and leaving behind a legacy of Wild West legends. Covering Carson's role in the conquest of California, Cody's early days as a buffalo hunter and life on the road with Buffalo Bill's traveling show, this program tracks the lives of these bold adventurer-soldiers through artifacts and interviews with historians and other experts.

**In the Cockpit: Red Star**

2007 NR 60 minutes

Featuring never-before-seen specially released footage, this film documents the mighty combat aircraft that the Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies used to hold the rest of the world at bay between World War II and the end of the Cold War. From the MiG-29 Fulcrum to the MiG-25 Foxbat and the TU-95 Bear, this historical presentation provides a thrilling look at the greatest in war aeronautics.

**National Geographic: Egypt: Quest for Eternity**

1996 NR 60 minutes

Take a spectacular journey among the ancient ruins of one of history's great civilizations! The ancient Egyptians created and constructed the most glorious monuments the world has ever seen. Explore the great temples of Luxor and Karnak. Cross the Nile to the Land of the Dead and enter the elaborately decorated tombs where kings and queens are buried. Join Egyptologists as they unravel and interpret the riddles of Egypt's intriguing past.

**Charles Dickens' London: Part 3: Age**

2006 NR 110 minutes

This final installment of the "Charles Dickens' London" series rounds out the exploration of the author's favorite city by focusing on the social realities of Victorian-era London, from society's upper crust to the poor crowding the back alleyways. This look at the sociology of that age throws into relief the fictional tableau against which Dickens set his stories and from which he crafted so many of his most memorable characters.
A Newsreel History of the Third Reich: Vol. 15

1945 NR 87 minutes

This fascinating collection of Nazi newsreels offers a unique perspective on the progress of World War II from the perspective of German propagandists. This volume includes reels from 1943 that showcase the German navy patrolling the English Channel and Atlantic Ocean, German troops laying siege to Leningrad, the Luftwaffe tangling with Russian fighters, and Hitler's top advisers meeting the Führer with General Oshima, an ambassador from Japan.

National Geographic: Road to War: Iraq

2007 NR 50 minutes

Through interviews with top government officials, including former Bush staff members Andrew H. Card, Richard Armitage and Richard Perle, this documentary examines the decision-making process that led to the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003. The program presents testimony from White House insiders that even before the tragic events of Sept. 11 took place, key members of the Bush administration were obsessed with Iraq.

In the Wake of Zaca

2005 NR 53 minutes

In its 75 years in the water, the Zaca has served as a luxury yacht, a scientific research vessel, a Navy patrol boat and a party cruiser for Hollywood royalty. But where did it all begin? Revealing the remarkable adventures of this legendary schooner through the words of those who've actually sailed it, this fascinating documentary offers a peek at the Zaca's past and traces its route through recent history.

Stilwell Road

1947 NR 60 minutes

In World War II, General Joseph "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell led more than 60,000 men in the grueling endeavor of building a 478-mile road through the Burmese jungles so British, Chinese and Indian forces could move vital supplies from India to China. This classic documentary, narrated by Ronald Reagan, recounts the immense tactical challenges faced by Stilwell and his persistent engineers, construction crews and support staff.

A Newsreel History of the Third Reich: Vol. 9

2007 NR 85 minutes

Seized by the Soviets in 1945, these German newsreels reveal how Joseph Goebbels's Ministry of Propaganda wanted German citizens to view events in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and the Mediterranean during the first part of 1942. Filmed from a decidedly slanted viewpoint, the collection of footage illustrates the pomp and power of Nazi propaganda, while also providing a historical look at many key events of World War II.

D-Day: The Battle That Liberated the World

1997 NR 52 minutes
June 6, 1944, was a historic day that proved to be a major turning point of World War II. In a dangerous move that surprised Axis forces, the largest covert operation in history was performed, as an unparalleled Allied force stormed the beaches of Normandy. This documentary transplants the viewer right into the front lines through actual footage from the battle, retracing the steps taken on that fateful day.

**The Last Cigarette**

1999 NR 82 minutes

Featuring footage of Chairman Henry Waxman's 1994 congressional hearing on tobacco and health, François Keraudren and Kevin Rafferty's documentary reveals the startling tactics used by tobacco companies to entice the public to smoke. Tobacco-related clips from TV, movies and commercials are interspersed with excerpts of the hearing, in which CEOs and industry representatives defend their dangerous and addictive product.

**The True Meaning of Pictures: Shelby Lee Adams' Appalachia**

2002 NR 71 minutes

Documentarian Jennifer Baichwal tells the true stories behind the faces of the Kentucky Appalachian inhabitants -- once labeled hillbillies -- who were originally captured through the camera lens of photographer Shelby Lee Adams 30 years earlier. Baichwal tracks the lives of two families who have each endured their share of heartache throughout their struggle to resist the influence of American popular culture.

**Pearl Harbor: The View from Japan**

1994 NR 69 minutes

In an interesting historical departure, this fascinating documentary analyzes the attack on Pearl Harbor from the Japanese point of view and focuses on Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, the Japanese military mastermind who (though bitterly opposed) planned the attack on the U.S. fleet anchored in Hawaii. If history is written by the victors, this view of the events of December 7, 1941, fills an important gap in the historical narrative of World War II.

**The History of Warfare: The Armada 1588**

2007 NR 55 minutes

Dramatic reenactments, expert commentary and computer graphics transport viewers back in time to the Spanish Armada's battle against Britain in 1588. This fascinating documentary chronicles the audacious attempt by Spain's King Philip II to gain control of the English Channel and conquer the Brits. Narrated by John Nolan, the film features analysis by prominent war historians and writer John Tincey.

**A Paralyzing Fear: The Story of Polio in America**

1998 NR 90 minutes

Olympia Dukakis narrates this documentary about polio that examines the worldwide epidemic and desperate search for a cure. Follow the history of polio from its 1916 inception in America to the epidemic of the 1940s and '50s, Franklin D. Roosevelt's role in finding a cure and the discovery of the vaccine. Photos, archival footage and interviews help tell the fascinating story of the successful grassroots effort to control and cure the disease.
Colonies of the Condemned

2000 NR 150 minutes

Learn about some of the world's toughest island prisons with this trio of documentaries, beginning with Beneath Alcatraz, which tells the story behind the brutal prison in the frigid waters of the San Francisco Bay. Then, Devil's Island unveils the notorious penal colony off the coast of French Guiana, and Jailbreak explores Australia's Botany Bay. A bonus feature highlights Vice Adm. James Stockdale's experiences as a prisoner of war.

Secrets of the Dead: Amazon Warrior Women

2004 NR 60 minutes

Ancient Greek lore tells of the existence of a tribe of giant, conquering women called Amazons. In this PBS documentary, archaeologist Jeannine Davis-Kimball explores the myths, mysteries and historical evidence of these ancient warrior women. Davis-Kimball tries to prove the stories true by determining whether archaeological finds -- ancient human remains discovered in Russia -- can be linked to the Greek legend.

Sputnik: Declassified

2007 NR 56 minutes

This fascinating entry in the "Nova" series looks back at the hotly contested space race between the United States and the Soviet Union, revealing the behind-the-scenes story of their successful launch of Sputnik I. Staggered and alarmed by Russia's accomplishment, the minds behind the U.S. space effort -- hobbled by politics and hypocrisy -- were forced to reassess the reasons for their lack of success.

Pearl Harbor: Dawn of Death

2001 NR 120 minutes

Featuring archival footage, eyewitness accounts, historical analysis and revealing interviews, this three-part documentary recounts the Japanese attack on the American military base of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. In addition to the chapters "Win First, Fight Later," "Day of Infamy" and "Waking a Sleeping Giant," this program also features legendary filmmaker John Ford's Oscar-winning documentary short, "December 7th."

Who Killed Martin Luther King?

2008 NR 65 minutes

Winner of the CableACE Award for International Documentary Special, this 1989 film looks back at Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination on April 4, 1968, and the lingering theories that his shooting death may have been part of a conspiracy. Archival footage and interviews with convicted killer James Earl Ray, Martin Luther King III and former law enforcement agents piece together a disturbing picture of what actually may have happened.

Landmarks of Western Art: Romanticism
1999 NR 50 minutes

Blending slick computer graphics with footage from leading galleries around the world, this enlightening documentary examines the cultural influence of romantic period artists. Rejecting neoclassicism's intellectual and rational thinking, romanticism -- as embodied in the works of Francisco Goya and Théodore Géricault -- took a subjective and emotional approach toward art. Prominent historians provide insights and analysis.

**Of Civil Wrongs and Rights**

2007 NR 76 minutes

Eric Paul Fournier's Emmy Award-winning film chronicles the remarkable life of Japanese-American Fred Korematsu, who was stripped of his rights and sent to an internment camp in 1942. For the next 39 years, Korematsu -- an ordinary shipyard worker -- fought against Executive Order 9066. Taking his relentless quest for civil rights all the way to the Supreme Court, he was eventually awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1998.

**Landmarks of Western Art: From Rococo to Revolution**

1999 NR 50 minutes

Blending computer graphics with footage from galleries around the globe, this fascinating documentary charts the 18th century evolution of art -- which began with the development of ornamental rococo and finished with greater emphasis on pastoral motifs. A pronounced classical influence also surfaced during the period. This installment of the series features the art of, among others, Thomas Gainsborough, William Hogarth and Jean-Antoine Watteau.

**Landmarks of Western Art: The Baroque**

1999 NR 50 minutes

The illuminating Landmarks of Western Art documentary series chronicles the history of European art and its mounting potential following the Renaissance. This episode features the works of Peter Rubens, Diego Velázquez and Rembrandt. The program blends computer graphics with footage from galleries and includes commentary from notable historians to illustrate how baroque and neoclassical art stretched the bounds of expression and realism.

**Lost Treasures of the Ancient World: Empires in the Americas**

2000 NR 50 minutes

Long before America was "discovered" by explorers from far-off lands, two powerful empires -- Mexico's Aztecs and Peru's Incas -- ruled in Central and South America. Delve deeper into both civilizations and the many parallels between them in this compelling program, which includes commentary from experts, location footage and animated models of what the capital cities of Tenochtítlan and Machu Picchu probably looked like.

**Lost Treasures of the Ancient World: Ancient India**

2000 NR 50 minutes

Reflecting a storied past rich in culture and, in the case of ancient India, wealth, the Taj Mahal stands as the country's most recognizable landmark. Through location footage, computer animations and graphics, this absorbing program explores the
civilization's extensive history, belief systems and cultural achievements, journeying back in time to re-create the building of the Taj Mahal and present a stunning replica of a 3,000-year-old city

**Lost Treasures of the Ancient World: Ancient China**

2000 NR 50 minutes

This engaging program traces China's long history and architectural achievements, such as the 4,000-mile-long Great Wall, the terracotta army of the first Chinese emperor and Beijing's Forbidden City. Computer-generated re-creations of an ancient Chinese village, expert commentary and location footage accompany the documentary.

**Lost Treasures of the Ancient World: Samurai Japan**

2000 NR 50 minutes

Rich in history and tradition, Japan's grand monuments, shrines and pagodas trace 1,000-plus years of the country's vibrant culture, a culture largely steeped in Buddhism. But standing in contrast to the ancient belief system were the samurai warriors, who lived by a different code. Through 3-D graphics and state-of-the-art computer animation, this fascinating program invites viewers to travel back in time to explore life during a bygone era.

**Pillars of Faith: New Testament Witnesses**

1999 NR 50 minutes

With a focus on the origins of the New Testament, this installment of the Pillars of Faith series examines how the teachings of Jesus Christ were passed on to future generations through the words of his early followers, including the apostles Matthew and John and the evangelists Mark and Luke. The program features on-location footage, a look at significant works of art and interviews with noted scholars for a comprehensive overview of the topic.

**Pillars of Faith: Religions Around the World**

1999 NR 50 minutes

This installment of the Pillars of Faith series dissects the world's three major religions -- Christianity, Islam and Judaism -- and examines the traits they have in common, rather than focusing on their differences. The program features footage filmed at important religious sites around the world, significant works of religious art and interviews with respected scholars for a comprehensive overview of each faith.

**The Poetry Anthology: Augustan Poets**

2000 NR 50 minutes

Part of an anthology series studying the great English poets from the late 1600s through the Victorian age, this volume focuses on two noted writers of the 17th and 18th centuries: John Dryden and Alexander Pope. Widely considered the leading literary mind of the Restoration, Dryden was lauded as both England's poet laureate and its historiographer royal. Pope is known chiefly for his wit, as well as his most popular poem, "The Rape of the Lock."
The Poetry Anthology: Romantic Poets

2000 NR 50 minutes

Part of an anthology series studying the great English poets from the late 1600s through the Victorian age, this volume focuses on the leading literary figures of the Romantic era, including Wordsworth, Coleridge, Byron, Shelley and Keats. Characterized by its forged connection between nature and spirituality, as well as an emphasis on the rights of the common man, Romanticism neatly complemented the tumultuous times in which it thrived.

Ancient Refuge in the Holy Land: Nova

2004 NR 60 minutes

In 1960, in a remote cave in the Judean desert, archaeologists discovered letters written by Shimon Bar-Kokhba, who led the second revolt against the Romans in A.D. 132. Biblical scholar Richard Freund now returns to the Cave of Letters and finds tantalizing clues that lead him to a radical theory: Could the treasure concealed in the cave be long-lost relics of the great temple in Jerusalem destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 70?

Pillars of Faith: Celtic Saints

1999 NR 50 minutes

As one of four installments in the Pillars of Faith series, this program examines what happened when early Christian missionaries adapted their teachings to suit the unique culture of the Celts, resulting in religious images and ideals that were wholly different from the rest of Europe. The program combines on-location footage, a survey of significant works of art and interviews with respected scholars for a comprehensive overview of the topic.

Gray Matter

2004 NR 59 minutes

Filmmaker Joe Berlinger journeyed to Vienna, Austria, in 2002 to view the interment of the preserved brains of 700 disabled children executed at a so-called Nazi euthanasia facility. Among the perpetrators of the killings was Dr. Heinrich Gross, who conducted tests on the victims' gray matter. This elegiac documentary follows Berlinger as he attempts to learn why Gross was permitted to continue his vile experiments long after World War II ended.

Celtic Legends: Irish Legends

1999 NR 50 minutes

This installment of the Celtic Legends series examines the most intriguing Irish lore, including stories about the Celtic gods of Britain and various military heroes such as Finn MacCummaill, the fair-haired warrior of the Fianna. Though the folklore of Egypt, Greece and ancient Rome often overshadows the legends of Ireland, the tiny island nation has a bold tradition of storytelling and mythology in its own right.

Sukhoi SU-27 Flanker Ram-K

1990 NR 55 minutes
First observed by American spy satellites in 1978, the Ram-K Su-27 fighter plane was cloaked in secrecy until its public unveiling on Soviet television in 1985. At the 1989 Paris International Air Show, the aircraft put on a performance that astonished the audience and proved the jet's supremacy over its Western counterparts. This fascinating documentary includes film of the Su-27 flying against Western competitors.

**Celtic Legends: Scottish Legends**

1999 NR 50 minutes

Exploring Scotland's legends, this edition of the documentary series presents some of the most intriguing tales from the Highlands, Central Lowlands and the Borders, including King James IV and the ghost of Flodden Field, Rob Roy and William Wallace. Among the other captivating stories passed down through generations is that of Robert the Bruce and the legend of the spider, a staple of Scottish lore.

**American Experience: New Orleans**

2006 NR 110 minutes

For more than 200 years, New Orleans stood apart. Its music, people and culture made it a place like no other. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina's devastation, America saw New Orleans through new eyes, and as the city struggled to rebuild, its impact on the nation's collective consciousness became apparent. From its origins as a tiny French settlement to a city in the balance, New Orleans's own past holds the promise for its future.

**American Experience: The Living Weapon**

2006 NR 61 minutes

Shortly after the United States entered World War II, Franklin Roosevelt launched a secret biological weapons program. As Hitler's threat of such weapons increased, a U.S. response became crucial to keeping pace with the changing face of warfare. Explore the history, development and ultimate fate of this little-known chapter in American history.

**Special Forces: Untold Stories: Vol. 1**

2008 NR 102 minutes

Two teams of Special Forces -- one during the Persian Gulf War, the other during the Vietnam War -- must draw upon all their resourcefulness, strength and determination in these untold true stories of commando courage. First, British SAS commandos must battle bad intelligence on a mission to dismantle Scud missile launchers in Iraq. In the next segment, eight U.S. Green Berets must endure a night of enemy fire while trapped in a concrete bunker.

**Famous Authors: F. Scott Fitzgerald**

1996 NR 30 minutes

Characterizing a generation, F. Scott Fitzgerald's stories and novels came to define the 1920s Jazz Age. His life often reflecting his art, Fitzgerald was known for creating glittering, cynical and irresponsible characters in novels such as The Great Gatsby and Tender Is the Night. Through period documents, artwork and other archival material, this program delves into the personal and professional life of the glamorous but troubled author.
A Newsreel History of the Third Reich: Vol. 7

2005 NR 89 minutes

Compiled from German newsreel footage captured by Russian troops in 1945, this series provides insight into the public relations tactics of Joseph Goebbels's Ministry of Propaganda. The seventh volume of this collection deals with the latter part of 1941, concerning the events on each of the German fronts. German convoys traverse the English Channel, the battle for Roslaw wages on, and Hitler and Mussolini inspect the front-line troops.

Famous Authors: Mark Twain

1996 NR 30 minutes

Born Samuel Langhorn Clemens, Mark Twain drew on his boyhood along the Mississippi River for many of his characters and plots. Celebrated as a humorist and storyteller, his fame grew with the publication of classic novels such as The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. Through period documents, artwork and other archival material, this program traces the life and work of one of America's most treasured literary figures.

Steam Around the World: Eastern European Archives

2006 NR 65 minutes

Employing rare 16mm footage captured by American railroad buff Harry P. Dodge, this documentary takes viewers across Eastern Europe to look at the steam locomotives of the 1960s and '70s. As passenger and freight trains leave behind a plume of smoke as they travel through countries like Yugoslavia, Hungary and Poland, the film provides a close look at some of the world's great steam locomotives traversing landscapes and urban centers.

Famous Authors: Edgar Allan Poe

1996 NR 30 minutes

A master of the short story, Edgar Allan Poe perfected the fledgling literary form. Known for his tense and frightening tales, including "The Pit and the Pendulum," Poe also pioneered the detective story, putting the focus on the crime-solving process rather than the criminal and his acts. Through period documents, artwork and other archival material, this program traces the troubled life and celebrated work of the uniquely American author.

Famous Authors: Charles Dickens

1996 NR 30 minutes

Celebrated English novelist Charles Dickens endured a difficult childhood, eventually rising above his lack of early education to become a journalist. His novels, including Oliver Twist, Hard Times and Great Expectations, are known for their social criticism, exemplified by suffering characters enduring cruel fates. Through period documents, artwork and other archival material, this program traces the life and work of the enduring author.

Howard Goodall's Big Bangs
With this intriguing documentary series, composer Howard Goodall explores the history of European music and examines five key innovations that have helped shape the course of classical music. Among the points of focus: the universal tuning, scale and key system known as equal temperament; the evolution of notation; the epic storytelling of opera; the usage and versatility of the piano; and the development of recorded sound.

**Famous Authors: The Bronte Sisters**

1996 NR 30 minutes

Educated largely at home by their pastor father, 19th century English sisters Charlotte, Emily and Anne Bronte were avid readers and writers since childhood. The three first published poetry under male pseudonyms, then began publishing novels under their own names. Major works include Charlotte's Jane Eyre, Emily's Wuthering Heights and Anne's Agnes Grey. This documentary program traces the life and writings of the famed literary trio.

**Famous Authors: William Blake**

1996 NR 30 minutes

English poet, engraver, painter and mystic William Blake is famed for his symbolic expressions of religious visions. Though largely unrecognized during his lifetime, Blake's works, such as The Marriage of Heaven and Hell, Songs of Experience and Songs of Innocence, are well-known today. Through period documents and other archival material, this documentary program explores the life, poetry and artwork of the multitalented spiritualist.

**The Champagne Safari**

1995 NR 100 minutes

American industrialist Charles Bedaux may have had more money than common sense, but his spirit of adventure is undeniable. In 1934, he bankrolled a 1,200-mile expedition across northern Canada, supported by an outrageously equipped entourage. The trip was a failure, but film footage from the journey provides the foundation for this fascinating documentary about a wealthy adventurer whose Nazi ties eventually led to charges of treason.

**Famous Authors: John Steinbeck**

1996 NR 30 minutes

One of the most famous American writers of the 20th century, Nobel Prize-winning author John Steinbeck was born in Salinas, Calif. He is best known for his gritty portrayals of the lives of the working class during the Great Depression, particularly in the novella Of Mice and Men and the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel The Grapes of Wrath. Through period documents, artwork and other archival material, this program explores Steinbeck's life and work.

**Elie Wiesel Goes Home**

2002 NR 105 minutes

Judit Elek's gripping documentary follows Nobel Peace Prize winner and foremost Holocaust authority Eli Wiesel as he embarks on an emotional return to his 1928 birthplace of Sighet, Romania, for the first time in more than 50 years. Highlighted by passages from...
Wiesel's own writings read by actor William Hurt, Wiesel wanders his hometown's streets, which remain eerily unchanged since the time he spent there before leaving for Auschwitz.

**Air War: Axis vs. Allies**

2008 NR 90 minutes

This notable collection of vintage film features rare footage from Nazi sources and combat video of B-24s and other fearsome bombers in short episodes such as "Mission Accomplished," which chronicles the first B-17 sortie in the skies over Germany. Other episodes include "WWII Advances in Technology," "Lost Luftwaffe Films," "B-25 Low-Level Strafing" and "AAF Weekly Digest #45," which explores the role of pilots.

**Special Forces: Untold Stories: Vol. 2**

2008 NR 100 minutes

Two elite Special Forces units face immense tactical challenges during this pair of hostage crises -- one in the Netherlands, the other on a Boeing 737. First, the Royal Dutch Marines face twin threats as terrorists seize a commuter train and a nearby elementary school. Next, Germany's GSG-9 forces must devise a strategy for securing the safety of an 80-passenger jetliner -- without knowing the number of hijackers or the plane's destination.

**FTA**

(F.T.A.)

1972 R 97 minutes

Francine Parker's documentary -- which disappeared from theaters after only one week -- chronicles the Pacific leg of the 1971 "Free the Army" tour, the anti-Vietnam War revue featuring a troupe of performers led by Jane Fonda and Donald Sutherland. Consisting of satirical skits, antiwar humor, protest songs and interviews with members of the military, the FTA revue was designed to inspire U.S. soldiers to voice their dissent.

**10 Days to D-Day**

2008 NR 100 minutes

From the high command to the barracks and tents of ordinary soldiers, this History Channel documentary reveals the gut-wrenching decisions and moments of terror on both sides of the English Channel in the 10 days preceding D-Day. The film combines dramatic re-creations of critical events with letters and diaries of soldiers, spies, paratroopers and others to paint a fascinating picture of this massive military operation.

**Crucifixion**

2008 NR 100 minutes

Though crucifixion is best known as the horrific technique used to kill Jesus Christ, this History Channel documentary explores its fascinating origins and reveals how it became a common, but very symbolic, method of execution in biblical times. The film includes dramatic re-creations, computer imagery and footage of voluntary crucifixions in modern religious rites to show exactly what happens to the human body when hoisted onto a cross.
**JFK in Ireland**

1996 NR 42 minutes

On a pilgrimage to his ancestral homeland in June 1963, John F. Kennedy -- the United States' first Irish Catholic president -- was treated like royalty; this documentary captures that historic visit. In addition to covering Kennedy's tour of the Emerald Isle, this nostalgic program also serves as a time capsule of some of the president's most triumphant moments before his tragic death that would come just five months later.

**Roads to Memphis: The Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.: American Experience**

2010 NR 81 minutes

Intertwining the stories of two very different men and the events leading to the tragic intersection of their lives, this unique documentary chronicles the paths of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the man who assassinated him, James Earl Ray. Filmmaker Stephen Ives explores the tumultuous sociopolitical climate that created a rift in American society, culminating in King's shocking murder on April 4, 1968.

**Power of the Past with Bill Moyers: Florence**

1990 NR 90 minutes

Join journalist Bill Moyers for a guided tour of Florence, Italy, that focuses on the art and creativity of the Renaissance, and how key philosophical ideas from the period -- such as the importance of the individual within society -- live on today. Moyers examines some of the city's most important works of art, including several of Michelangelo's frescoes, and interviews such notable artists as filmmaker Franco Zeffirelli and author Umberto Eco.

**Wyatt Earp: American Experience**

2010 TV-PG 52 minutes

PBS's dynamic "American Experience" series explores the legend of lawman Wyatt Earp and reveals the complex man behind the myth. Despite his many portrayals on TV and film, Earp's life still has much to tell us about the development of the frontier. An imperfect man who loved to gamble, Earp grabbed the opportunities available to him and rose from obscurity to become one of the most famous marshals and vivid folk heroes of the Old West.

**100 Years Under the Sea: Shipwrecks of the Caribbean**

2007 NR 58 minutes

Tag along with filmmaker-explorer Jean-Christophe Jeaffre and his entourage -- a crew that includes Albert Falco, the captain of Jacques Cousteau's *Calypso* -- as they travel to the site of a notorious volcano that erupted a century ago. Adding to the drama is the
fact they're sailing aboard the three-master ship *Belem*, the only vessel that survived the 1902 natural disaster that killed 28,000 Caribbean islanders in less than four minutes.

**Mysteries of the Deep: Legendary Shipwrecks: Lost Ships of the Mediterranean**

1999 NR 60 minutes

Martin Sheen hosts this fascinating documentary series produced by the award-winning *National Geographic* team. Plunge deep into the ocean and discover an eerie world of shipwrecks, steeped in secrets that hold the key to some of the most tragic maritime disasters in history. Also includes "Lost Ships of the Mediterranean."

**Terry Jones: Medieval Lives**

2004 NR 2 discs

In this revealing look at what it was like to live during medieval times, scholar and Monty Python comedian Terry Jones digs into the true stories of damsels, knights, peasants and other characters of the Middle Ages. Challenging the myths and stereotypes associated with the era, the program brings to life tales of chivalry, battles, servitude, kingdoms and more through animated medieval paintings and Jones's trips to various key locales.

**Top Command: The Great Generals of WWII**

2008 NR 4 discs


**Breakout: Prisoner of War Escapes**

2004 NR 150 minutes

Actor Stacy Keach narrates this thrilling account of real-life heroes -- prisoners of war who managed to display unflinching derring-do and courage at a time when they were most vulnerable. These escapees, who battled in everything from the Civil War to World War II, were determined not to let their enemies break their spirit and destroy their resolve to survive even the most harrowing of circumstances.

**Kings and Queens: Vol. 2**

2000 NR 50 minutes

Take a journey through time in the second part of this compelling program tracing the history of England's royalty. With period images and historical reenactments, this volume explores the reigns of the English kings and queens from the 16th century to the contemporary House of Windsor. Dramatized commentary by historical figures such as William Thackery brings all the drama of the British monarchy to vivid life.
Deadly Duels

2004 NR 150 minutes

Before the advent of weapons of mass destruction and the proliferation of handguns, there was a time when quarrels were settled in what was then seen as a gentlemanly fashion: by duels. This fascinating documentary looks at the now-extinct form of justice, which established itself during colonial times, made its way to the Wild West through cowboys and ranchers and became de rigueur in the South and elsewhere for decades.

National Geographic: San Francisco's Great Quake

2009 TV-PG 45 minutes

On April 18, 1906, San Francisco experienced an earthquake that still stands as the greatest natural disaster in California history. While the rumbles of the quake caused widespread destruction, most of the devastation came from the resulting fires. This National Geographic documentary reveals tragic mistakes made by the city's mayor and the U.S. military in the aftermath of the quake, as well as heroic acts performed by ordinary citizens.

Avoiding Armageddon

2003 NR 4 discs

Weapons of mass destruction are the topic of this series that explores the potential for small attacks, and even Armageddon. In the first part, historical context is provided for biological and chemical weapons, and survivors share their stories. Next, the focus shifts to past and present-day dangers of nuclear weapons, followed by a look at international terrorist organizations. The series concludes with a look at how Armageddon can be avoided.

Kennywood Memories

2003 NR 90 minutes

Pittsburgh's Kennywood has hosted millions of guests and created countless memories since opening to the public in 1898. This retrospective, hosted by hometown television personality Rick Sebak, reveals why so many cherish this amusement park. Originally aired on WQED, this expanded presentation features home movies and archive footage of the Grand Carousel, roller coasters such as the Thunderbolt and visitors of all ages enjoying the park.

Storyville: The Naked Dance

2000 NR 85 minutes

This documentary is the first to profile America's legendary -- and legal -- red-light district, which thrived in New Orleans from 1898 until the U.S. Navy closed it permanently in 1917. It was an area filled with the raucous rhythms of a new American music called jazz, excitement -- and sin. Set against the backdrop of Victorian morality, 2,000 prostitutes worked the 16 square blocks of twinkling lights and rat-infested alleyways.

Great Old Amusement Parks

1999 NR 60 minutes
Documentarian and amusement park enthusiast Rick Sebak takes his cameras around the country to visit many of America's oldest and longest-running amusement parks, from Connecticut's Lake Compounce to California's Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. Highlights include the Derby Racer at Playland, the Boat Chute at Lake Winnepesaukah, Deno's Wonder Wheel at Coney Island, Kennywood's Thunderbolt, the Cyclone at Astroland and the Raven at Holiday World.

**BBC Atlas of the Natural World: Land of the Eagle**

1991 NR 2 discs

This ambitious documentary traces the natural history of North America from the perspective of both the American Indians, who worshipped the land, and the European settlers, who were determined to tame it. The BBC production showcases the relationship between humans and the earth through antique photos, famous paintings and video footage of the continent's sweeping panoramas, all backed by historic songs performed using period instruments.

**Tony Palmer's Film About the Salzburg Festival**

2006 NR 195 minutes

Armed with unprecedented access to Austria's national film archives, filmmaker Tony Palmer tells the story of the legendary Salzburg Festival, which has played host to the world's finest musicians. Footage captures the Nazi party's heavy involvement during the height of World War II; a controversial performance of "Don Giovanni" directed by Peter Sellers in the 1990s; and interviews with Placido Domingo, Riccardo Muti, Simon Rattle and many more.

**And This Is Free: The Life and Times of Chicago's Legendary Maxwell Street**

2008 NR 98 minutes

Through two films, this collection explores the vibrant history of Chicago's legendary Maxwell Street, an area that blossomed from a simple wooden-plank road into the birthplace of Chicago blues. The 1964 documentary And This Is Free offers a slice-of-life portrait of the local scene at the time. Maxwell Street: A Living Memory looks back on the experiences and legacy of the neighborhood's Eastern European Jewish immigrants.

**U-Boat Wars**

2008 NR 54 minutes

Through rarely seen archival footage, this documentary explores World War II's intense U-boat fleet war between the Allied forces' Royal Navy and Nazi Germany's Wolf Packs, with domination of the Atlantic Ocean at stake. The program concisely breaks down the background of this aspect of the war in easy-to-follow chapters and also provides an in-depth look at the Japanese navy's use of submarines during the Pearl Harbor attack.

**Macedonia: The Land of a God**

2004 NR 210 minutes

Archeologist Dimitri Pandermalis -- who directed the excavation of Mt. Olympus at Dion -- hosts this comprehensive exploration of the cultural history of Macedonia, visiting numerous museums and key archeological sites in the ancient kingdom. Focusing on the reigns of Philip II and his son Alexander the Great, the program journeys through time to visit the civilization centers Aina, Aiges, Dion, Pella, Amphipolis, Philippi and Thessaloniki.
Ancient Greece: The Traditions of Greek Culture

1998 NR 120 minutes

Discover ancient Hellenic traditions, many of which live on in contemporary times, in these four half-hour programs filmed in locations across Greece. Exploring religion, myth, architecture, art and customs, the series illuminates the practices and beliefs that lie at the foundation of Western Civilization. Episodes include "Art in Ancient Greece," "Mining in Ancient Greece," "Bacchus, the God of Wine" and "Fire Walking in Greece."

Against All Odds: Quest for Malta

2006 NR 50 minutes

Dramatic re-creations, first-person interviews and cutting-edge CGI animation combine to recount the struggle of the tiny Mediterranean island of Malta to hold its own against the Nazi onslaught in World War II. Situated in the middle of a key Axis supply route, Malta became a prime target for Germany, and by April 1942, the island had earned the title "the most bombed place on earth."

Historic Encounters: Between the Lines

2006 NR 50 minutes

Filmmaker Dirk Simon's harrowing documentary tells the true story of Egon Bunge, a border guard in 1980 East Berlin whose attempt to escape the oppressive political regime left his partner at the gate, Ulrich Steinhauer, dead. Simon delves into the complexities and conflicting loyalties faced by the border militia, everyday citizens who were drafted into fighting an unofficial war against their countrymen.

The Sixties: The Years That Shaped the Generation

1997 NR 120 minutes

From the Vietnam War to the struggle for racial equality, the 1960s was a decade of transformation, experimentation and hope that shaped an entire nation. Through interviews with prominent players such as Barbara Ehrenreich, Jesse Jackson, Tom Hayden, Arlo Guthrie, Henry Kissinger and Norman Mailer, this documentary traces the events of one of the 20th century's most turbulent -- and fascinating -- periods of change.

The First Kings of Comedy Collection

2007 NR 160 minutes

Demonstrating the enduring hilarity of the cinematic slapstick that came out of Hollywood's silent era, this pair of documentaries from Robert Youngson serves as a joyful tribute to the form's most sublimely silly masters. In The Golden Age of Comedy Jean Harlow, Ben Turpin, Laurel and Hardy and others yuk it up, while in When Comedy Was King, the talents of Charlie Chapin, Fatty Arbuckle, Buster Keaton and Gloria Swanson are on full display.

Legacy: Native American Photogravures & Music

2003 NR 60 minutes
Take an in-depth look at Native American culture through the perspective of Edward S. Curtis's photogravures of images from native civilization that he made between 1890 and 1920. The music of Mary Youngblood, Joanne Shenandoah and Laurence Laughing provide a spiritual backdrop to the presentation of the images.

Our Own Private Bin Laden

2006 NR 63 minutes

Terrorism is the new millennium's greatest threat, and Osama Bin Laden is the ultimate icon of modern-day fear. But how did the current wave of global terrorism emerge? Follow the history of post-Cold War politics and economics that created an entire terror industry, with Bin Laden at its center. A sobering look at how the world's present instability was built and fostered, Our Own Private Bin Laden examines the ways history can shape the future.

The History Makers of World War II: Churchill and the Fight for Freedom

2007 NR 60 minutes

Nobody symbolized the steady resolve of the British people during World War II more than Winston Churchill. This penetrating study chronicles Churchill's life from his birth through his military career and his uncompromising fight against Hitler. Featuring archival footage, this installment of The History Makers of World War II series promises to enlighten and entertain history enthusiasts.

The History Makers of World War II: Hitler: The Fight for Supremacy

2007 NR 60 minutes

Nobody symbolized the lust for dominance and power in the 20th century more than Adolf Hitler. This penetrating study chronicles Hitler's life from World War I soldier to his rise to become Germany's führer and leader of the fearsome Nazi war machine. Featuring archival footage, this installment of The History Makers of World War II series aims to shed light on one of modern history's most influential -- and monstrous -- figures.

100 Years of Flight

2004 NR 120 minutes

Orville and Wilbur would love this documentary, which covers a century of aviation. The film examines the early years of flight, including the Wright Brothers' amazing feats, various aviation pioneers and the quest to cross the Atlantic. The face of war was changed through aviation, and the film explores the history of air warfare, from World War II bombers to modern-day fighter jets. The history of commercial air travel is also chronicled.

The Target for Tonight

2004 NR 120 minutes

This comprehensive documentary offers a wealth of archival footage and firsthand accounts -- from both sides -- of the bombing campaigns in World War II. Covering the destruction of Berlin, Hamburg, Koln, London, Coventry, Plymouth, Manchester, Dresden, Hiroshima and Nuremberg, Target for Tonight candidly details the feelings that these airmen experienced as they dropped their payloads … knowing full well the casualties that would result.
**Sir Gawain and the Green Knight**

2007 NR 60 minutes

This presentation takes an in-depth look at the Celtic, Germanic and other cultural and folkloric roots of the adventurous tale of *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, one of the most enduring legends from Arthurian mythology. What is the meaning of the Green Knight's challenge? Why is this myth so persistent across cultures and across centuries? This provocative study is a must-see for literature buffs and enthusiasts of Round Table lore.

**Secrets of War: Nazi Warfare**

1998 NR 104 minutes

Drawing on material contained in formerly classified archives, the two installments of the "Secrets of War" series on this video focus on the phony war, or "Sitzkrieg," that led up to the Nazi invasion of France and the French underground resistance movement that emerged after the country was invaded. Actor and former National Rifle Association spokesman Charlton Heston narrates, and veterans of the struggle provide insightful, dramatic commentary.

**Excellent Cadavers**

(In un altro paese)

2005 NR 92 minutes

Extolling the efforts of two gutsy prosecutors who risked everything for justice, this riveting documentary blows the whistle on the Sicilian Mafia, from its corruption of Italian business and politics to the deadly deeds of dons and their henchmen. Based on the book by Alexander Stille, director Marco Turco's exposé recounts the legal wars waged by Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino to root out the Cosa Nostra and end its grip on Sicily.

**Exile in Buyukada**

2000 NR 72 minutes

Exile in Buyukada provides a fascinating account of Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky's exiled years living in Istanbul. The narration by Vanessa Redgrave lends accessibility to this inflammatory historical figure's life, while the cinematography fills the screen with beautiful, epic-minded imagery.

**Race to the Moon: American Experience**

2005 NR 60 minutes

With only four months to prepare for an orbit around the moon, the Apollo 8 astronauts were up against enormous odds. But their subsequent success -- a portion of which was broadcast live on television in 1968 -- earned them the respect of their NASA colleagues and the awe of the world. This episode of the "American Experience" series recounts a key historical moment by speaking to the men and women who helped make the mission a reality.

**Rick Sebak: A Cemetery Special**

2005 NR 56 minutes
Writer-producer Rick Sebak serves as your tour guide for this hourlong journey through America's most notable cemeteries, examining the history and artistry of headstones, crypts, monuments and family plots. Stopping in Florida, Alaska and numerous points in between, this fascinating program explores humans' diverse methods for honoring the departed -- and the myriad ways in which graveyards relate to modern culture.

**Point of Order**

1964 NR 93 minutes

Filmmaker Emile de Antonio's intriguing documentary about the Army-McCarthy hearings serves as a fascinating historical record, compiling the televised footage that aired live for 36 days -- from April 22 to May 24, 1954. During the hearings, the Senate Committee on Government Operations investigated the Army's honorable discharge of Maj. Irving Peress, who had refused to fill out a Loyalty Board questionnaire.

**The Hitler Youth**

2006 NR 60 minutes

In its efforts to rule the world for a thousand years, Adolf Hitler's Nazi Party inculcated and warped a generation of young Germans. Founded as an arm of the party, the Hitler Youth -- which grew to more than 10 million members by 1945 -- was crucial to assuring an endless stream of ideologically correct enlistees to carry the torch. This insightful documentary examines the indoctrination techniques used to turn German children into model Nazis.

**Warriors of Honor**

2004 NR 81 minutes

In Warriors of Honor: The Faith and Legacy of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, documentary filmmaker Brian Barkley chronicles the role that religion played for the two military leaders, while also presenting an in-depth look at the Civil War. During battles, Lee often asked for God's guidance and used his faith to help him make military decisions. Jackson, a deacon at his church, accepted his death from a war injury as God's will.

**Modern Marvels: Brooklyn Bridge**

1995 NR 50 minutes

Through firsthand accounts and extensive footage, this installment of the History Channel's "Modern Marvels" series explores the story of John Roebling's soaring and majestic Brooklyn Bridge, which was nothing short of a technological miracle when it began taking shape in 19th century New York. But before it could claim its moniker as the "eighth wonder of the world," the masterpiece would have to overcome a variety of obstacles.

**German Jets & V1 & V2 Flying Bombs of WWII**

2006 NR 60 minutes

Turning its attention to the skies, this documentary program explores the design and creation of revolutionary new German weaponry used during the air battles of World War II. Segments focus on the Messerschmitt Me-262 fighter, the V-1 Flying Bomb warhead and the more advanced V-2 Rocket of the Nazi Luftwaffe. Extras include an interactive quiz designed to test your knowledge on everything you learned from the program.
Modern Marvels: Las Vegas
1994 NR 50 minutes

Known as America's "neon oasis," Las Vegas has become synonymous with fantasy, folly and excess. Yet, behind its façade of glamour and glitz stand massive monuments to architectural ingenuity and artistry. This installment of the History Channel's "Modern Marvels" series takes a fascinating look at the city's mammoth masterpieces, exploring Vegas's transformation from a dusty Mormon cow town to a sinfully modern playground.

Dark Circle
1982 NR 82 minutes

Chris Beaver's poignant and insightful docudrama traces the link between the reemergence of nuclear power and the proliferation of nuclear weapons around the world. With revealing declassified footage and stark personal accounts, Dark Circle exposes the potential devastation nuclear power can cause. Critically acclaimed, this compelling, Emmy Award-winning film was a Grand Prize recipient at the Sundance Film Festival.

German Support Aircraft & Gliders of WWII
2006 NR 60 minutes

Exploring the design and deployment of German support aircraft and gliders, this documentary program highlights the airborne innovations of the Nazi Luftwaffe during World War II. Segments focus on reconnaissance and liaison aircraft; the employment of DFS 230s; and the unveiling of the six-engine Messerschmitt Me-323 "Gigant." Extras include an interactive quiz designed to test your knowledge on everything you learned from the program.

Leona's Sister Gerri
2007 NR 75 minutes

Jane Gillooly's intense documentary humanizes an iconic photograph that became the centerpiece for the fight for abortion rights. Before her body was found on a motel floor after a botched illegal abortion -- an image captured and reprinted hundreds of times -- Gerri Santoro was a beloved mother and a sister. She was also a woman struggling to leave an abusive marriage. Here, she's remembered in all her complexity, rather than as simply a victim.

Dinosaurs vs. Apes
2007 NR 240 minutes

Brace yourself for a monstrous documentary double feature! Dinosaur Movies (1993) looks back at the history of prehistoric beasts on the silver screen; Hollywood Goes Ape (1994) chronicles the great simian monsters of the cinema. Both films feature an entertaining selection of movie clips, plus insightful interviews with personalities such as Forrest J. Ackerman, Ray Harryhausen, Jim Danforth, George E. Turner and more.

WWII: Combat Chronicles
2004 NR 6 discs

This in-depth series documents the events of WWII, from the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor that launched America into the war, to the battle of Midway, the bloody devastation at Iwo Jima, Hiroshima and more. The series also features revealing documentaries produced by Academy Award-winning director John Ford that detail the "day that will live in infamy," the operations aboard the USS Yorktown, and more, all punctuated by actual newsreels.

**Gun Camera**

2007 NR 135 minutes

Climb into the cockpit and get an extraordinary look at some high-octane aerial action from nearly a century of war. Miles of gun camera footage captures the drama of American attack missions, including thrilling dogfights; bombing runs over Europe; helicopter warfare in Vietnam; attacks on World War II supply trains and Iraq War convoys; and much more. Expert analysis adds details and insight to this stunning historical archive.

**Answering the Call: Ground Zero's Volunteers**

2005 NR 65 minutes

Kathleen Turner narrates this moving documentary about the rescue personnel who worked to save lives during the World Trade Center disaster. Emergency workers and volunteers share their accounts of the reality of Ground Zero after the Twin Towers collapsed. Leadership and teamwork mark the stories of the thousands who rushed to the scene to help. The program features never-before-seen footage by volunteer firefighter and filmmaker Lou Angeli.

**A Model for Matisse**

2005 NR 67 minutes

This charming documentary explores the friendship between legendary artist Henri Matisse and the woman who inspired him to create some of his best-loved works, Dominican nun Sister Jacques-Marie. The 83-year-old nun discusses her days as a model and muse for Matisse, including her role in what he considered his life's masterpiece: the paintings and stained-glass windows of the Chapel of the Rosary in the French Mediterranean village of Vence.

**Secrets of Egypt’s Lost Queen**

2007 NR 100 minutes

Move over, King Tut: There's a new pharaoh on the scene. A team of top archaeologists and forensics experts revisits the story of Hatshepsut, the woman who snatched the throne dressed as a man and declared herself ruler. Despite her long and prosperous reign, her record was all but eradicated from Egyptian history in a mystery that has long puzzled scholars. But with the latest research effort captured in this program, history is about to change.

**We Were There: Latino Remembrances of World War II**

2002 NR 39 minutes

Hundreds of thousands of Latinos saw military action for the United States in World War II, and twelve of these heroes won our nation’s most prestigious award, the Medal of Honor. All of the soldiers, sailors and airmen who served have a story to tell and now
ten Latino veterans in their 70s and 80s offer reflections -- filled with heroism, fear, pain, sorrow, joy and humor -- on their role in a war that changed the world.

American Experience: Triangle Fire

2011 NR 53 minutes

One of the deadliest fires in U.S. history occurred at New York City's Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in 1911, killing more than 140 workers -- mostly young women who were locked inside -- and leading to profound changes in industry-labor relations. Historical documents and expert analysis detail how the resulting union strikes and government regulation advanced women's suffrage and addressed the plights of laborers in unsafe working conditions.

Westinghouse

2008 NR 112 minutes

This compelling documentary charts the life and career of entrepreneurial engineer George Westinghouse, a creative giant of his time who built an electricity empire and made a fortune by developing a system for alternating-current power distribution. In addition to being the inventor of the air brake, Westinghouse -- one of Thomas Edison's chief rivals -- was a kind, generous businessman who made it his goal to treat his workers well.

King Tutankhamun: The Mystery Unsealed

2005 NR 50 minutes

Combining commentary from renowned Egyptian scholars with meticulous computer animation, this History Channel documentary travels more than 3,000 years into the past to explore the world of the legendary King Tut. The program brings to life the never-before-seen details of Tut's tomb and also examines the folklore surrounding the boy king. Award-winning actor Frank Langella narrates this fascinating journey.

The Mysterious Stone Monuments of Markawasi Peru

2009 NR 61 minutes

Travel high into the Peruvian Andes to explore the strange, wondrous and unexplained mysteries of stone formations that may have been carved by thousands of years of erosion -- or the hands of a long-dead civilization. Intensely researched by the late Peruvian explorer Daniel Ruzo, the Monuments of Markawasi may be a significant link to humanity's distant, forgotten past and must be experienced to be understood.

Paris: Luminous Years

2010 NR 120 minutes

In the early 20th century, Paris was the glittering crossroad of the avant-garde art world, where Pablo Picasso mingled with Gertrude Stein and Jean Cocteau, and this vivid documentary charts its conversion from creative hotbed to cultural zeitgeist. Radicals in dance, film, music and literature flocked from all over, and key figures such as Ernest Hemingway, Marc Chagall and Marcel Duchamp recount their roles in the historic birth of modernity.
**Columbus: The Lost Voyage**

2007 NR 94 minutes

A far cry from his first voyage, the fourth expedition of Columbus was to be the great explorer's last -- a journey fully documented in this History Channel presentation based on the book by historian and adventurer Martin Dugard. As Dugard visits key sites from Columbus's voyages -- including Panama, Jamaica and Hispaniola -- dramatizations and interviews with local experts bring to life the ill-fated journey that resulted in mutiny.

**Battlefield Diaries**

2003 NR 3 discs

Soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen share their compelling accounts of various battles in this program that goes beyond military history books by revealing the personal stories of actual combat participants. This collection of real-life accounts spans World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom, and each story focuses on a single battle. Battle participants share their battle stories, diaries, letters, personal photographs and home movies.

**Black Cinema: Silence to Sound**

2007 NR 102 minutes

From the early 1900s to the '50s, black cinema thrived as African-Americans produced movies for an audience hungry to see itself and its stories. This fascinating documentary looks at the "race films" and the pioneers who made them. Featured are producers James Weldon Johnson, Richard D. Maurice and Oscar Micheaux, considered by many to be the father of black cinema. Also included are original shorts, "Swingin' Soundies" and rare extras.

**The Short Life of Jose Antonio Gutierrez**

(Das Kurze Leben des José Antonio Gutierrez)

2006 NR 89 minutes

Nominated for a Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival, this 2006 documentary profiles the life of Marine Lance Cpl. José Antonio Gutierrez -- a "green card" (non-U.S. citizen) soldier and the Iraq War's first American casualty. A former street kid from Guatemala, Gutierrez traveled to America in search of a better life, only to end up on the other side of the world when he enlisted in the Marines to gain U.S. citizenship after serving.

**The Fighting Lady**

1945 NR 62 minutes

Oscar winner William Wyler directed this patriotic 1944 wartime documentary while serving as a lieutenant colonel in World War II. Narrated by actor Robert Taylor, the film follows an aircraft carrier crew during their mission in the Pacific, from the planes arriving on deck through a series of intense battles. From the captain to the cook, Wyler captures the daily routine of the crew for an inside look at life aboard an active aircraft carrier.

**Radiant City**
In the prosperity following World War II, American cities gave way to suburbs. This intriguing tongue-in-cheek documentary explores the development of suburban life over the last 50 years and the effect that urban sprawl has had on American society. Experts offer commentary on the reasons for the flight to the suburbs, the way of life it engendered and how inhabitants learned to create their own culture from essentially artificial surroundings.

**A Newsreel History of the Third Reich: Vol. 20**

2009 NR 85 minutes

Produced under the auspices of Joseph Goebbels's Ministry of Propaganda, this collection of German newsreels -- seized by Russian troops in 1945 -- covers several tumultuous events near the end of World War II. On the Western front, V2 rockets speed toward London; on the Eastern front, tank and infantry units swarm the Danube in Hungary; and on the home front, Goebbels urges the Germans to fight for Hitler.

**Sensational Cities: New York**

2000 NR 100 minutes

Joined by an all-star cast -- including Steve Allen, Donald Trump, Joan Rivers and Janeane Garofalo -- James Woods narrates this insider's look at the history, neighborhoods, landmarks and entertainment of the Big Apple. These experts reveal the fascinating story behind the city, chart its rise as an artistic and financial mecca, and even discuss its racial tensions and other challenges, all of which contribute to the magic that is New York.

**Blood and Tears: The Arab-Israeli Conflict**

2006 PG-13 74 minutes

Filmmaker Isidore Rosmarin's documentary chronicles the Arab-Israeli conflict from its biblical beginnings to the volatile present. Through film footage and interviews with a diverse group, the film examines the age-old battle from all sides. Interviewees include Hamas leaders, Middle Eastern and Palestinian scholars, former Israeli prime ministers, fundamentalist Muslims, loyal Zionists, ordinary citizens and many others.

**American Experience: Dolley Madison**

2010 NR 84 minutes

This installment of the critically acclaimed American Experience series sheds light on the remarkable Dolley Madison, the trailblazing wife of President James Madison who came to be known as the country's "first" First Lady. "Queen Dolley," as she came to be known, was a charming hostess and a fashion icon. But she was also a strong-willed heroine who pulled double duty as an adviser and diplomat.

**Riddles of the Sphinx: NOVA**

2010 TV-G 52 minutes

This eye-opening installment of "NOVA" explores Egypt's mysterious Great Sphinx of Giza that keeps watch over vast stretches of sand and still has scholars debating about who built it, why and how long it's been there. With the aid of archaeological experts, the
program also ponders the mammoth task of constructing and carving the sculpture, which is the single-largest monolith statue on the planet.

**Ghosts of Machu Picchu: Nova**

2010 TV-PG 52 minutes

Delving deeper into the ancient mysteries of the Incas, this installment of "Nova" takes viewers to the famed archaeological ruins of Machu Picchu, a sacred Peruvian site that remains a marvel of modern engineering. For reasons yet unknown, Machu Picchu was abandoned in the late 16th century. But what was its purpose, and what really happened to its original inhabitants? Join archaeologists as they explore untouched areas to find out.

**Einstein's Wife**

2004 NR 55 minutes

Why did Einstein never mention his first wife in his autobiographies? This documentary explores the life of Mileva Maric, Albert Einstein's first wife, and begs the question, "What role did Maric play in Einstein's scientific works?" No one even knew Maric and Einstein were married until 1987, when Einstein's private letters were released. Is there a possibility that Maric played a key role in her husband's groundbreaking 1905 discoveries?

**Fighting for Freedom: Revolution and Civil War**

2003 NR 120 minutes

Based on Joy Hakim's book series *A History of US* and narrated by Tom Hanks, Meryl Streep, Michael Douglas, Anthony Hopkins, Samuel L. Jackson, Susan Sarandon and Martin Sheen, this documentary explores America as a country forged and founded on the principles of liberty, justice and freedom for all. The program begins with the events surrounding the Revolutionary War, and the second half focuses on slavery in America and the Civil War.

**Irish Writers**

2003 NR 63 minutes

A survey of celebrated penmen proves that the Emerald Isle boasts an embarrassment of literary riches, having spawned the likes of James Joyce, William Butler Yeats, Oscar Wilde and George Bernard Shaw. This fascinating documentary examines their legacies and gives viewers an unprecedented look at the awe-inspiring regions in Ireland where these writers hailed from or to which they escaped in search of inspiration.

**The Disappeared**

(Desaparecido)

2007 UR 96 minutes

During Argentina's Dirty War, young Horacio Pietragalla's parents were murdered by military officials in one of many random acts designed to instill fear in the country's citizens. Years later, Pietragalla reflects on the horrors of his past. Featuring gut-wrenching interviews with war criminals, Peter Sanders's fearless documentary follows Pietragalla -- who was sent to live with a maid as a child - - as he attempts to reconstruct his identity.
Ancient Mysteries: Pompeii: Buried Alive

1998 NR 50 minutes

Leonard Nimoy leads you on a journey through the ruins of Pompeii, which was covered in ash when Mount Vesuvius violently erupted in 79 A.D. With no warning, the Roman inhabitants of this city were buried alive while going about their daily routine. Remarkably preserved, the city that fell victim to one of nature's most cataclysmic and tragic events gives us an amazing glimpse into what life was truly like so many centuries ago.

The Spanish-American War: Birth of a Superpower

2005 NR 60 minutes

Relying on intriguing primary source material -- including archival photographs, newsreel footage and newspaper clippings -- this History Channel documentary examines the Spanish-American War as it was presented to and viewed by citizens of the time. The result is a thought-provoking program that's as much about the fourth estate's influential role as it is about the 1898 war's complex causes. Actor Fritz Weaver narrates.

Flags of Empires

2006 NR 2 discs

This collection of brief documentaries and recruitment films chronicles the intense combat of the Pacific theater during World War II. Historic events include the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States' agonizing campaign to liberate the Philippines, and the bloody battle for Iwo Jima. Using period and actual combat footage, these films vividly reveal the terrors and triumphs of some of the war's most ferocious fighting.

American Experience: Robert E. Lee

2011 NR 84 minutes

Despite being on the losing end in the American Civil War, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee remains one of the nation's most vital and popular military leaders. This installment of PBS's documentary series chronicles his entire life. The in-depth program explores Lee's character and accomplishments, from his complicated relationship with his father to his shunning of the Union Army and subsequent unlikely successes as commander of the South.

Top Secret Rosies: The Female Computers of World War II

2010 NR 56 minutes

Looking back on a little-known part of the war effort that recruited female mathematicians to work as "computers" for the U.S. Army during World War II, this eye-opening documentary sheds light on some remarkable unsung heroines. From developing ballistics tables to programming the first electronic computer designed to improve Army efficiency, these top-secret "Rosies" made critical wartime contributions.

Our Father's Enemy
1943 NR 2 discs

Travel back in time with this compilation of documentary films, U.S. propaganda pieces and focused narrative journeys that chronicle the conflict between America and Japan during World War II. Seven vintage reels and training films present a glimpse into the past and provide a fascinating historical context for the famous enmity. Among the offerings in this collection is "Know Your Enemy: Japan," a film directed by Frank Capra.

Apostolic Fathers: Handing On the Faith

2007 NR 90 minutes

Explore the origins of Christianity in this documentary from the "Footprints of God" series hosted by author Stephen Ray. A fascinating journey through the Roman Empire traces the footsteps of the first apostles through Israel, Turkey, France and Italy. Along the way, Ray introduces you to the church's legendary founders, such as Ignatius of Antioch, Clement of Rome, Polycarp of Smyrna, Irenaeus of Lyons and Justin Martyr.

Embedded '45: Shooting War in Germany

2006 NR 100 minutes

This collection of front-line photography documenting the harsh realities of conflict rounds up stirring shots snapped by cameramen who were embedded with American troops during the tail end of World War II. Highlights include previously unseen footage from the Arnoldsweiler concentration camp, the U.S. Army's advancement through the German cities of Cologne and Frankfurt, and images of captured German POWs.

The Longoria Affair

2010 TV-PG 51 minutes

The aftermath of a notorious incident that occurred in the small Texas town of Three Rivers -- and sparked a nationwide civil rights movement by Latinos -- is the focus of this engrossing documentary. When Pvt. Felix Longoria's remains were sent home after he was killed in World War II, the town's lone funeral parlor refused to hold services for him because he wasn't white, a decision that led to a racial divide that still exists in Three Rivers.

American Experience: Panama Canal

2010 NR 82 minutes

Finished in 1914, the 48-mile Panama Canal revolutionized the shipping industry by creating a shortcut for vessels headed from one coast of North America to the other. This documentary chronicles the struggle in creating this engineering marvel. Using archival footage and first-hand accounts, this "American Experience" program shows how the canal was built over 10 years -- and how more than 5,000 people lost their lives in the process.

The Mighty Saturns: Saturn V

(Part of the Spacecraft Films series)

2004 NR 3 discs
This portion of the Spacecraft Films series follows every Saturn V launch, with unique footage from the launch pad camera and mission control. The most powerful rocket successfully flown, the Saturn V launched 13 successful missions and put 12 people on the lunar surface. Facing technological, material and human challenges, the scope of the task is made crystal clear ... as is the feeling of privilege for the 26 men who rode Saturn V.

**Apollo 15: Man Must Explore**

(Part of the Spacecraft Films series)

2004 NR 6 discs

In the summer of 1971, NASA attempted yet another ambitious and challenging mission: Land Apollo 15 in the Hadley-Apennine region of the moon. This series follows the small spacecraft's remarkable stint on the moon's surface. The crew explored the beautiful region of Mt. Hadley and the Hadley Rille, and with the help of onboard film, the original television broadcasts and more, you will see NASA's fourth lunar landing in great detail.

**Archives of War: Vol. 3: Korea / Vietnam**

1998 NR 195 minutes

Drawing on an immense archive of wartime images and news reports, this documentary sheds new light on the dark days of the Korean and Vietnam wars. From the invasion of South Korea to Gen. MacArthur's resignation, the infamous Koje prison camp riots and the many phases of the Vietnam conflict (including the start of the Paris peace negotiations in 1968), this presentation covers a turbulent period in this country's history.

**In Search of the Trojan War**

2004 NR 2 discs

A must-see for history buffs, this television documentary series (originally broadcast in 1985) explores the enigma that is the Trojan War. Through his filmed visits to Ireland, Greece, Turkey and Berlin, historian Michael Wood attempts to determine whether Homer's epic poems were based in truth or entirely fictitious. What he discovers along the way gives the familiar legend some unexpected new twists.

**World War II: When the World Went to War: Vol. 5: 1943-1944**

2008 NR 3 discs

The final installment of this Emmy-winning history series based on the Dwight D. Eisenhower book *Crusade in Europe* shifts the spotlight from D-Day and the death of Adolf Hitler to the most critical contests in Europe. Segments focus on the Allied invasion of Sicily and the Italian mainland; the Allied takeover of southern France; and the use of the Red Ball Express convoy system to move supplies across the continent.

**A Daring Flight: Nova**

2004 NR 60 minutes

In 1909, six years after the Wright brothers' famous flight at Kitty Hawk, French pilot Louis Bleriot achieved the remarkable: a long-distance flight across the English Channel from the coast of France to the cliffs of Dover. In addition to this historic feat, this "Nova"
program captures the excitement of the formative years of aviation, traces the rapid evolution of aircraft design and pays homage to the pioneers who helped give man wings.

**Secrets of the Dead: Irish Escape**

2007 NR 60 minutes

This captivating installment of the PBS series -- which examines historical events via forensic science -- revisits the 1876 jailbreak of six Irish political prisoners from a seemingly impregnable Australian penitentiary. Through reenactments and diary readings, the program follows the six insurrectionists from their arrests in Ireland and internment at the infamous Fremantle Prison to their escape to America aboard a whaleboat.

**Lost Treasures of the Ancient World: The Romans in North Africa**

1999 NR 50 minutes

Using innovative 3D graphics, computer animation, reconstructions and location footage, this engrossing video transports viewers to Northern Africa to visit the sites of some remarkable Roman architecture. On the itinerary are the subterranean city of Bulla Regia and El Jem's impressive Colosseum. Foremost scholars, including professor Roger Wilson of Nottingham University and professor David Mattingly of Leicester University, provide insight.

**D-Day: Reflections of Courage**

2004 NR 90 minutes

It's the day that defined a generation -- "The Greatest Generation." And these are stories you've never heard before. Witness the complex and deadly secret war fought by the men and women of France, the defense of the western front by the forces of Nazi Germany, and the preparation and execution of the Allied invasion of Normandy. Discover the plans, the people, the courage and the sacrifice that led to that unforgettable day.

**Lost Treasures of the Ancient World: Ancient Greece**

1999 NR 50 minutes

Using innovative 3D graphics, computer animation, reconstructions and location footage, this intriguing video takes viewers to the birthplace of democracy to visit some of Greece's architectural wonders. Among the treasures on the itinerary are the majestic Parthenon, the magnificent Acropolis, Delphi and the inspirational temple of Zeus. Eminent expert John Bennet of the Institute of Archaeology contributes his insight.

**Saving the National Treasures: Nova**

2004 NR 60 minutes

The Holy Trinity of U.S. historical documents -- the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights -- is the focus of this "Nova" special that follows the efforts of the team charged with restoring these delicate archival treasures. Witness the debates about preservation methods, marvel at cutting-edge technological advances and journey back in time to the moments these American charters of freedom were penned.
16th & 17th Century Turning Points in U.S. History: Vol. 1

2008 NR 2 discs

Chronicles in this series are key events that happened during the 200 years leading up to the United States of America's formation. Beginning with Spanish conquistadors exploring the southeastern U.S. and concluding with 12 self-governed English colonies established along the Atlantic seaboard, this program also examines the important contributions of historical figures such as Ponce de León, John Smith, Pocahontas and William Penn.

Scandalize My Name

1999 NR 54 minutes

During the McCarthy era, many African American actors faced blacklists, loyalty oaths and casting discrimination. Actor Morgan Freeman hosts this illuminating documentary that explores the impact of the Red scare on the civil rights movement. Paul Robeson, Jackie Robinson, Harry Belafonte, Ossie Davis, Sidney Poitier, Hazel Scott, Canada Lee and Dick Campbell are among the personalities featured.

On a Wind and a Prayer

2005 NR 60 minutes

In late 1944, as World War II raged, the Japanese military released more than 9,000 *fugo*, or fire balloon, bombs into the Pacific jet stream, targeting North America. This incisive documentary investigates this little-known chapter in U.S. history. Through interviews, archival footage and CGI reconstructions, the film traces the story of the offensive -- and the subsequent media conspiracy to quell all information about the attack.

The Bombing of America

1996 NR 60 minutes

This stunning documentary from the critically acclaimed PBS series "Nova" follows investigators from across the country as they work to unravel cases of terrorist bombings. From the Unabomber and Oklahoma City to the World Trade Center, a rash of recent bombings has left a trail of innocent victims. Take an insider's look at some of the most infamous and notorious cases in recent history and the profilers and agencies helping to solve them.

Russians Deprived of Russia

2004 NR 2 discs

Tracing the lives of famous Russians who were part of the first wave of emigration during the country's bloody civil war, this fascinating documentary examines their individual motives for leaving home and their challenges starting afresh in a new land. Chapters focus on Gen. Petr Nikolaevich Vrangel, Gen. Anton Denikin and Adm. Alexander Kolchak of the White Russian Volunteer Army; writer Ivan Shmelev; and poet Nikolai Turoverov.

Last Stop Kew Gardens

2007 NR 60 minutes
Novelist Robert H. Lieberman documents the unique history of Kew Gardens, Queens, in the 1940s and ’50s by blending home movies, still photographs and interviews with celebrities who grew up there, including talk show host Jerry Springer. The vibrant neighborhood served as a refuge for many European Jews who fled the horrors of the Holocaust. But it also spawned a new generation of fiercely creative children who were determined to succeed.

**Russian Empire: Vol. 4**

2004 NR 2 discs

The result of an enormous undertaking by filmmaker Leonid Parfyonov, this sweeping series produced for Russian television celebrates the tricentennial of the Russian Empire (born with the founding of Saint Petersburg in 1703 by Czar Peter the Great) by documenting its fascinating personal history in living color. This installment (the last of four volumes) examines the contributions of Alexander III and Nicholas II.

**Russian Empire: Vol. 3**

2004 NR 2 discs

The result of an enormous undertaking by filmmaker Leonid Parfyonov, this sweeping series produced for Russian television celebrates the tricentennial of the Russian Empire (born with the founding of Saint Petersburg in 1703 by Czar Peter the Great) by documenting its fascinating personal history in living color. This installment (the third of four volumes) examines the contributions of czars Nicholas I and Alexander II.

**Russian Empire: Vol. 2**

2004 NR 2 discs

The result of an enormous undertaking by filmmaker Leonid Parfyonov, this sweeping series produced for Russian television celebrates the tricentennial of the Russian Empire (born with the founding of Saint Petersburg in 1703 by Czar Peter the Great) by documenting its fascinating personal history in living color. This installment (the second of four volumes) examines the contributions of Paul I, Empress Maria and Alexander I.

**Peter Jennings Reports: The Search for Jesus**

2000 NR 89 minutes

Renowned news anchor Peter Jennings hosts this intriguing program exploring Jesus and Christianity from a historical perspective. Examining ancient writings and artifacts, Jennings reconstructs Jesus's life and teachings. A trip to the Holy Land allows Jennings to learn more of the story, as he verifies his findings and pieces together evidence that sheds light on the myth and the reality of Jesus.

**Da Vinci: Tracking the Code**

2006 NR 87 minutes

With the 2003 publication of Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*, interest in the works of Leonardo da Vinci and their alleged messages about the secrets of Christianity reached unprecedented popularity, driving millions of hungry readers to the stacks to check out the book's controversial claims. Fueled by interviews with experts of various disciplines, this program dissects Brown's fiction to reveal the facts that lie somewhere underneath.
Warrior Empire: The Mughals

2006 NR 91 minutes

This absorbing History Channel documentary looks at the nomadic people known as the Mughals. Roaming south Asia's landscape, they conquered everything in their path and paved the way for modern India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. In addition to leaving behind a legacy of artistry, culture and military expertise, the Mughals built the magnificent Taj Mahal, a tomb that required 22,000 laborers and took more than 22 years to complete.

Great Fighting Machines of WWII: Axis Bombers

1993 NR 60 minutes

The powerful bombers of Germany, Italy and Japan showcased in this documentary presentation gave the three Axis countries an early edge in World War II as they rained destruction on Europe and Asia and paved the way for invasion. Historical footage and interviews highlight the work that went into designing and flying the Stukas, Junkers, Heinkels, Dorniers and other airplanes that brought the Axis so close to winning the war.

Great Fighting Machines of WWII: Allied Bombers

1993 NR 60 minutes

Aviator and military historian Christopher Chant narrates this collection of harrowing true stories about life in the air for Allied bomber pilots during World War II and the amazing airplanes that helped win the war. Historical footage and interviews with pilots explain how the Flying Fortress, Lancasters, Liberators, Marauders and other powerful planes reshaped aerial warfare and gave the Allies a critical edge during this global conflict.

444 Days to Freedom: What Really Happened in Iran

1997 NR 96 minutes

Relive the dramatic events surrounding the infamous 444-day Iranian hostage crisis when, in 1979, a gang of radical Islamic students demanding the return of the Shah took prisoner Tehran's U.S. embassy staff. Despite the captors' eventual retreat, Jimmy Carter's presidency was brought to ruin and America's spirit was broken. Using rare archival footage, interviews and revealing documents, this film chronicles the hostages' harrowing ordeal.

1968 with Tom Brokaw

2008 NR 94 minutes

Television news legend Tom Brokaw takes a penetrating retrospective look at 1968, a pivotal year in American history that saw the assassinations of MLK and RFK, the Tet Offensive, a sea change in pop culture and more. Including rare archival footage, recent interviews of key players and the perspective of four intervening decades, this provocative documentary brings to life the tragedies and triumphs of the sixties' most memorable year.

Sugihara: Conspiracy of Kindness
In the dark early days of World War II, Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara used his power (defying Tokyo's express orders) to rescue Jewish refugees in Lithuania. More than 2,000 Sugihara-stamped passports allowed hundreds of families to flee to safe havens abroad. Through unprecedented access to Sugihara's family and their personal home movies, photos and papers, the heroism of this man is brought to light.

Building Alaska

How did the United States' 49th state become habitable? This insightful documentary explores Alaska's late 19th- and early 20th-century highways, railroads, bridges and trestles and the people behind them. Other topics include the region's gold and silver mines and the 1896 Klondike Gold Rush, the vast impact of North America's biggest earthquake in 1964 and Japan's World War II invasion. Former governor Sarah Palin is interviewed.

Seabiscuit: American Experience

During the American Depression, one spectacular horse provided the troubled nation with unbridled joy -- and provided some with a nice cash payout. Seabiscuit was one of the most popular and talented thoroughbreds ever to race.

America Rebuilds

The largest demolition and recovery project in U.S. history sprang from the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001. This exhaustive two-part documentary chronicles the rebuilding process at ground zero. Engineers, builders, developers and families face the Herculean task of clearing the enormous wreckage and building a new beginning for the city. Their combined efforts paint an inspiring portrait of ingenuity and perseverance.

The Wall That Heals

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was constructed in the U.S. capital to help heal a nation scarred by war. Louis Gossett Jr. hosts this documentary marking the 15th anniversary of the public physical remembrance of those who fought in Vietnam. Tracing the bloody war's history and emotional impact, the film includes interviews with former president George Bush Sr., Senator Bob Dole, veterans and others.

The History Makers: Faith

Jesse Jackson, Rev. Al Sharpton, Susan L. Taylor, B.B. King, Kim Fields, Ruby Dee, Ernie Banks and many others share their inspiring stories of faith in the second installment of this series about African-American history makers, including artists, religious and business leaders, and baseball players. Individuals, communities and families weather many a storm by keeping the faith in these remarkable tales told by notable African Americans.
Rocket Science

2004 UR 3 discs

This 12-part series dives deep into the history of America's space program, using dramatic archival footage and penetrating interviews to chronicle America's effort to win the space race and the triumphs and tragedies experienced along the way. Hear from the astronauts, engineers and politicians who made it all possible and see footage of key events from Chuck Yeager's earliest test flights to the Gemini and Apollo missions and beyond.

Showbiz Ballyhoo

1983 NR 76 minutes

Drawing on an extensive library of archival footage, this made-for-cable documentary looks at the star system behind Hollywood's golden age. Besides showing how actors go from screen tests to stardom, the film examines how the advent of talkies created a new crop of celebrities while ruining many silent-film stars' careers. Bob Hope, Vivien Leigh, Errol Flynn, Clark Gable, Jean Harlow and Humphrey Bogart are among the icons featured.

Showbiz Goes to War

1982 NR 90 minutes

While a few Hollywood celebrities such as James Stewart and Clark Gable saw combat during World War II, the majority used their talents to rally the American public through bond sales, morale-boosting USO tours, patriotic war dramas and escapist film fare. Comedian David Steinberg plays host for this star-studded, 90-minute documentary, which looks at the way Tinseltown helped the United States' war effort.

Cases in Controversy: The 14th Amendment

2003 NR 174 minutes

Exploring the ramifications of the U.S. Constitution's 14th Amendment, which gives equal rights to all people, this program offers insight from historical and legal experts and covers numerous related Supreme Court cases. Ranging from 1873 to 1973, the cases include Brown v. Board of Education, Plessy v. Ferguson, Roe v. Wade, Shelley v. Kraemer, Strauder v. West Virginia, Missouri ex rel. Gaines v. Canada and more.

In Nelson's Footsteps: Life and Times of Lord Horatio Nelson

2008 NR 76 minutes

In this documentary, historian Colin White examines the career of British flag officer Lord Horatio Nelson, chronicling the naval hero's rise to prominence and his dramatic victory over France and Spain at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. Journeying to the locales that figured prominently in Nelson's life, including his childhood home and the ship HMS Victory, White also reveals aspects of Nelson's personal life, including his troubled marriage.

Ancient Mysteries: Forbidden City: Dynasty and Destiny
Catch a glimpse of China's incredible Forbidden City, built in the 15th century as the home of 24 emperors. A walled fortress containing palaces, temples, theaters and housing for thousands, the 250-acre city was constructed by more than a million laborers and stood for 500 years. Experts take viewers on a tour of the fortress that was only to be entered by royalty and their families, and share the history of the emperors who made it their home.

**Freedom's Fury**

2006 NR 90 minutes

In this Cannes Film Festival selection, filmmaker Colin K. Gray documents the infamous 1956 water polo match between Hungary and the Soviet Union, a contest later dubbed "the bloodiest game in Olympic history." Just two weeks before the start of the Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia, the Soviet Union had effectively silenced a popular uprising in Budapest -- an action that only fueled the Hungarian players' passions come game time.

**In Memoriam: New York City 9/11/01**

2002 NR 60 minutes

With Rudy Giuliani as a guide, this documentary follows the then-mayor and his staff from their first realization of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks through despair and tears to a deep strength that would emerge within a new America. Tracing the tragic chain of events as they unfolded and sharing stories of loss and courage, the program provides a poignant and unique historical record of New York City's most fateful day.

**The Tragedy of the Munich Games**

2005 NR 56 minutes

ABC newscaster Peter Jennings and others who were in Munich, Germany, at the time share their personal accounts of the hostage crisis at the 1972 Olympics. For 22 hours, the world held its breath as news crews covered the Munich Massacre, in which Arab terrorists killed two Israeli athletes and took nine others hostage. Sports journalist Jim McKay, producers Roone Arledge and Doug Wilson, and author Simon Reeve also share their experiences.

**Reader's Digest: Mysteries of the Ancient World**

1994 NR 161 minutes

How were the Pyramids constructed? Who were the mysterious 4000-year-old blonde mummies discovered in the Taklamakan desert? What is the truth behind the legend of King Arthur and Camelot? These and other questions are explored when scholars, adventurers and archaeologists take a fresh look at some of history's oldest and most baffling mysteries and uncover long-buried clues and missing pieces to the puzzle of history.

**Paddle Steamers: The History of the Humber Ferry**

2007 NR 55 minutes

Vintage film footage, photographs and slides combine to tell the story of the Humber Ferry. Through the history of a single vessel, this program explores the entire bygone era of the paddle steamer. Though the boats are strongly associated with the Mississippi River, the
19th-century paddle steamers formed a vital component of commerce and culture throughout America and the world. Their legacy sails on in this nostalgic documentary.

**Hollywood at Your Feet: The Story of the Chinese Theatre Footprints**

1997 NR 91 minutes

Take a tour of Grauman's Chinese Theatre, the famed Hollywood landmark that draws millions of tourists each year. Host Raquel Welch recounts the history of this classic theater, whose sidewalk preserves footprints left by film's biggest stars. In addition to archival clips of numerous ceremonies, this documentary also features interviews with renowned actors such as Michael Keaton and Charlton Heston.

**Dare Not Walk Alone**

2006 NR 83 minutes

Filmmaker Jeremy Dean explores the civil rights history and current racial inequities of Saint Augustine, Fla., in this compelling documentary. In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. led marches and a "swim-in" at segregated beaches and the pool of the Monson Motor Lodge. Illustrating the continued bigotry in the area is an interview with motel owner James Brock, who still feels justified for pouring acid into the pool full of protesters.

**When Worlds Collide**

2010 NR 84 minutes

Exploring the roots of Latino culture, this thought-provoking documentary transports viewers to the intersection of two vastly different worlds -- the "Old World" of European Spain and the "New World" of the Americas. Stops along the way include the Cerro del Tepeyac of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico, the bustling city of Granada in Spain's Andalusia region, and Philip II's Escorial palace outside of Madrid.

**Discover China: Dim Sum Odyssey**

2001 NR 52 minutes

Learn about the history and preparation of China's renowned dish, dim sum, with this delicious documentary. Consisting of a variety of tasty morsels, dim sum typically includes mixtures of meat, seafood and vegetables or of sweets and fruit. A gourmet trip through Hong Kong samples more than 600 types of dim sum and explores the origin and creation of prawn dumplings, spring rolls, barbeque pork buns and other treats.

**American Experience: Into the Deep: America, Whaling & the World**

2010 NR 113 minutes

Explore the history of the whaling industry in the United States through this riveting documentary, which details thrilling battles between mariners and their powerful prey and explains how whale oil fueled growth of the American economy for years. By reviewing the regrettable side effects of this once global practice, director Ric Burns warns modern-day viewers about the danger of overexploiting our natural resources.
The War Zone: U.S. Marine Corps
2005 NR 55 minutes
Founded in 1775, the body of soldiers known as the U.S. Marine Corps has served as a versatile, fast-response task force specializing in emergency operations. Featuring extraordinary archival footage, this documentary chronicles the history of the Marines. The program explores the military's increasing reliance on the Marines' amphibious assaults during World War II and covers the role the corps played in Korea and Vietnam.

The Highwaymen: Florida's Outsider Artists
2002 NR 58 minutes
This documentary focuses on a piece of American culture that is rarely spoken of. The Highwaymen tells the tale of a group of young African-American, self-taught landscape artists from central Florida in the late 1950's and early 1960's. In a time of segregation, the men traveled the region selling their detailed paintings from the trunk of their cars. Today, the paintings, originally sold as 'junk art,' are virtually priceless. Narrated by Spencer Christian.

Men of Valor
2004 NR 2 discs
Sixty years after D-Day, this documentary allows the men and women who fought in World War II to share their amazing stories of valor and sacrifice. Accompanied by incredible archival footage, these moving remembrances help to demonstrate just how the segment of our population that NBC anchorman Tom Brokaw characterized as "The Greatest Generation" dedicated their lives to preserving freedom in the face of great odds.

Miss Betty's American History Tours: George Washington's Home Town
2008 NR 47 minutes
Colorful tour guide "Miss Betty" Ward brings history vividly to life in this expedition around Alexandria, Va., which delves into its founding by tobacco traders in 1749, its role as a hotbed of patriotic activity during the Revolution and more. As Miss Betty visits each site, she recounts little-known tales of George Washington and his exploits, as well as stories of rum smugglers, salty sea dogs, ghosts that still haunt the city and more.

Apollo 13: To the Edge and Back
1994 NR 82 minutes
Through the eyes of those who experienced it firsthand, this documentary takes a look at the events surrounding Apollo 13 and the steely grit and deep courage exhibited by the astronauts and the staff of mission control during the ordeal. The drama that unfolded during the problem-plagued flight space mission is the stuff that movies are made of, and astronauts Jim Lovell and Fred Haise shed light on why.

Millay at Steepletop
1968 NR 37 minutes
Visit Steepletop, the upstate New York farm of Edna St. Vincent Millay, the first female recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for poetry. This documentary combines interviews and readings of Edna's works with stunning views of the surrounding landscape. Exclusive archival footage, Edna's powerful words and the beautiful scenery help convey the brilliance and passion of this literary icon from the jazz age.

**Arguing the World**

1998 UR 109 minutes

This captivating documentary closely examines the climate of the Cold War. At a time when people listened to what great thinkers had to say, Irving Howe, Daniel Bell, Nathan Glazer and Irving Kristol were considered four of the most brilliant and influential minds of their time. As the political powerhouses and rulers of this era tried to exert their ideals and agenda on the world, these men tried to make radical changes with their own thoughts.

**The Greatest Speeches of All Time: Vol. 2**

2004 NR 94 minutes

This second volume features 10 more memorable speeches from some of American history's most prolific, controversial and celebrated icons. Spanning decades and various political outlooks, the compilation includes presidential addresses from Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Richard Nixon, John F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton, plus speeches from Martin Luther King Jr., Barry Goldwater, Mario Cuomo and Jesse Jackson.

**Facing the Enemy**

2001 NR 60 minutes

In 1984, Jo Tuffnell's father, a member of British parliament, was killed by an Irish Republican Army bomb detonated by Patrick Magee. This documentary, directed by Paul McGuigan, chronicles Tuffnell's healing journey and her face-to-face meetings with Magee 17 years after her father's murder. From opposite sides of a deadly political conflict, the two attempt to find a common humanity, understanding and healing.

**Journey Along the Silk Road**

2005 NR 120 minutes

Actor Ken Ogata takes you on an archaeological journey down the legendary Silk Road, the ancient trading route between China and the West. Also explored are the controversial claims of French scholar Paul Pelloit, who posited the existence of another route for the Silk Road across great stretches of desert. This remarkable documentary provides a fascinating glimpse into a rarely explored region, opening a window onto the past.

**Unlocking Da Vinci's Code: Mystery or Conspiracy?**

2004 NR 60 minutes

This documentary based on Dan Brown's best-seller looks into the possibility that Leonardo Da Vinci may have encoded his artwork with hidden messages -- most notably in his two acclaimed works, the enigmatic "Mona Lisa" and the iconic "The Last Supper." Along with other interesting theories, Da Vinci apparently held the belief that there was more to the relationship between Jesus and Mary Magdalene. But are his theories based in truth?
500 Years of St. Peter’s

2008 NR 60 minutes

Explore the majestic St. Peter's Cathedral with this exhaustive documentary. The film follows the creation of St. Peter's under the direction of chief architect Donato Bramante and examines the cathedral's history over the 500 years that followed. Construction on the famous church, situated on Rome's Vatican Hill, began in 1506. It was built over the 1200-year-old St. Peter's Basilica, the tomb of the Apostle Peter.

Persepolis: Re-discovering the Lost Capital of the Persian Empire

This enlightening documentary allows viewers to experience the glory of Persepolis, the capital of the Persian Empire built in 520 B.C. by King Darius I of the Archaemenids, who first created a 40-acre terrace to hold the spectacular complex. Architects Wolfgang Gambke and Kourosh Afhami use a computer animation program to virtually re-create Persepolis. The film also explores the history and culture of the Persian people of that era.

Lost King of the Maya: Nova

2001 NR 2 discs / 2 episodes

Join a team of archaeologists as they trek into the lush Honduran jungle in search of the ancient tomb of a bloodthirsty Mayan king in this episode of “Nova.” The group heads to the lost city of Copán to prove the existence of Yax K'uk Mo', thought by some to be the founder of a Mayan dynasty that lasted 400 years. Host Bill Flash and a team of experts delve into ruins and bat-filled tunnels as they search for proof of the mythical warrior king.

Moments with Fidel

2004 NR 55 minutes

In this remarkable documentary, Cuban filmmaker Rebeca Chávez creates a timeline of her country's president, Fidel Castro, one of modern history's most controversial rulers. The film uses archival footage and audio clips to present the milestones in Castro's political career, from his rise to power in the 1959 revolution that ousted Batista through his reconstruction of the island nation after the fall of the Communist bloc.

Julius Caesar

2000 NR 50 minutes

Infamous Roman emperor Julius Caesar's life is chronicled in this informative biography. Born into a humble but patrician family, the man whose influence would reshape the Roman Republic into the Roman Empire rose to power as a general of the ancient world's mightiest army. His legendary ascent to dictator assured his place as one of history's most powerful leaders, and shortly after his assassination, the Roman senate proclaimed him a deity.

Roses in December

1982 NR 55 minutes
In December 1980, El Salvador's government security force gunned down lay missionary Jean Donovan and three American nuns. Ana Carrigan and Bernard Stone's award-winning documentary explores Donovan's short but meaningful life. Her story, from her affluent upbringing to her passionate work and untimely death at age 27, is told against the backdrop of the United States' devastating political involvement in Central America.

**Spark Among the Ashes**

1986 NR 53 minutes

In 1985, Connecticut 13-year-old Eric Strom celebrated the first bar mitzvah in Poland since World War II. Oren Rudavsky's award-winning documentary examines the ceremony's impact on Kraków, once the center of European Jewry. As the event draws near, the city, which by 1985 was home to only 200 Jews, walks a line between the traditions of the past and hope for the future. And for many, Strom becomes a symbol of renewal of Jewish life in Poland.

**It's Black Entertainment!**

2000 NR 80 minutes

Vanessa Williams serves as host for a star-studded testimonial to the film-industry contributions of African-American superstars during the past 100 years. Via interviews and archival footage, the program highlights the struggles and triumphs of -- among others -- Whitney Houston, Ella Fitzgerald, Sammy Davis Jr., Diana Ross, Cab Calloway and Little Richard, plus contemporary icons such as Snoop Dogg, Ice-T, Quincy Jones and Spike Lee.

**The Real Olympics**

2004 NR 120 minutes

Although it's easy to dismiss rampant nationalism and crass commercialism as expected byproducts of the modern Olympic Games, the original competitions held in Ancient Greece were also marked by political and financial concerns. This fascinating PBS documentary sets out to demythologize the legendary gathering by comparing and contrasting the Ancient Greek games with modern-day Olympics via archival footage and dramatic reenactments.

**One Woman, One Vote: American Experience**

2005 NR 120 minutes

Oscar-winning actress Susan Sarandon narrates this educational installment of the popular "American Experience" series as it examines the 72-year struggle for a woman's right to vote. Segments focus on influential figures in the women's suffrage movement, including Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Alice Paul; the country's widespread fear of social revolution; and the U.S. Senate's passage of the 19th Amendment by a single vote.

**The Jews: A People's History**

2009 NR 2 discs

Exploring 4,000 years in the history of the Jews -- from their ancient roots in the Middle East all the way to modern-day Judaism -- this exhaustive documentary weaves stories from the past and present to reveal a rich tapestry of Jewish identity. Seeking to represent the diversity of the Jewish people, director Nina Koshofe's ambitious film spotlights Jews both rich and poor, famed and obscure.
**American Experience: The Greely Expedition**

2011 NR 53 minutes

PBS’s acclaimed documentary series uses a wealth of vibrant historical sources to examine the Greely Expedition, one of the late 19th century’s most keenly anticipated scientific adventures, which ended in infamous tragedy. Led by Lt. Adolphus Greely, 25 men ventured into the frozen North to chart its unknown terrain, and three years later, the scarred survivors told a terrifying tale of brutal conditions and almost criminal mismanagement.

**D-Day in Color: Narrated by John Hurt**

2004 NR 47 minutes

Esteemed British actor John Hurt narrates this exhaustive documentary about the day that helped end one of the bloodiest wars on Earth: D-Day. On June 6, 1944, Allied troops stormed the beaches of Normandy to establish a beachhead in continental Europe. It was downhill from there for the Nazis. Viewers step back in history through full-color footage that takes you right to the heart of the action. Includes timelines and interviews.

**Shotgun Freeway**

1995 NR 91 minutes

Documentarians Morgan Neville and Harry Pallenberg cast a wide net over the City of Angels and take a rollicking and informative look at the history and culture of the city (complete with interviews with famous Angelenos such as Buck Henry, David Hockney, John Milius and James Ellroy). Divided into sections on crime, the beach, Hollywood and the Valley, this documentary is sure to provoke some heavy thought and much head scratching. …

**The Great San Francisco Earthquake**

2005 NR 56 minutes

Oscar-winning actor F. Murray Abraham narrates this earth-shattering episode of "The American Experience." On Apr. 18, 1906, San Francisco denizens had a rude awakening at 5:30 a.m. as Mother Nature delivered a catastrophic earthquake measuring 8.3 on the Richter scale -- followed by gas-fueled fires raging out of control. Historians, eyewitness accounts, archival film and photos tell the tale of a booming city literally shaken to its core

**History's Turning Points: Vol. 2**

1997 NR 5 discs

Examined closely in this collection of episodes from the fascinating series that makes use of archival documents, interviews and other sources, history appears to be a succession of decisive moments that move civilization forward through time. In this 13-part, five-disc set, travel through the past to visit some of the most significant events in modern history, from the surprising defeat of the Spanish Armada to the invention of television.

**The True Story of the Nativity**
Israel, Egypt and Jordan serve as the backdrop for this modern investigation of one of the earliest stories ever told. A marriage of history and technology reveals details about the origins of Christianity while viewers time travel to the birth of Christ and the Holy Family's escape from the murderous Herod. Evidence from the Holy Land and contemporary scientific discoveries lend clarity to the ancient events that forever changed humanity.

Among the Righteous: Lost Stories from the Holocaust in Arab Lands

2010 NR 55 minutes

In the wake of the September 11th attacks, Middle East expert Robert Satloff examines the forgotten history of Jews in North Africa during World War II, hoping to uncover lost stories of Arabs saving the lives of Jews during the Holocaust. In the course of his investigation, Satloff discovers not one but several incredible stories of survival, bravery and compassion involving Arabs protecting Jews from persecution.

A Place Out of Time: The Bordentown School

2010 TV-G 56 minutes

This documentary examines the legacy of New Jersey's Bordentown School, a cultural oasis that served African American students for 70 years until the landmark Brown v. Board of Education decision in 1955. Alumni interviews, commentary from historians and archival footage shed light on the positive values the school espoused as well as the overwhelming struggles it faced in an era of legalized discrimination.

Red and White: Gone with the West

2007 NR 55 minutes

Separate myth from reality as the Jules Verne Adventure series journeys into the Old West. Alongside legendary figures Buffalo Bill and Sitting Bull, visit Little Bighorn, where Custer made his last stand, and the gold rush ghost town of Nevada City. The American frontier's defining events come to life through rare footage and action-packed reenactments, with narration by Academy Award winner Ernest Borgnine.

The Eye of Vichy

(L'Oeil de Vichy)

1993 NR 110 minutes

Directed by French filmmaker Claude Chabrol, this documentary examines Nazi and Vichy newsreels and propaganda films from World War II meant to turn the French against the Jews and the Allied Forces and into Nazi sympathizers. Chabrol deftly probes how the media was used to manipulate the French, and asks how history's outcome could have been different had the enemies succeeded.

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**Test of Will**

2002 NR 100 minutes

Through archival footage, photographs, radio reports and letters, this absorbing program examines the neglected story of Canada's involvement in the Korean War and its role on the world stage during the Cold War era. Although Canadian troops served in Korea (under American command), the Canadian government refused to grant its veterans benefits usually awarded to those who fought in combat for their country.

**The Green Devils: German Paratrooper Elite: 1942-1945**

2004 NR 60 minutes

On the orders of Nazi commander Adolf Hitler, the paratrooper arm of the German Luftwaffe -- known as the Green Devils -- abandoned their efforts in the air and lived out the final years of World War II as an elite ground force. Relying on rarely seen archival footage, this program follows their operations in North Africa, East Prussia, Italy and Normandy, as well as their ill-fated efforts to guard the German borders from 1944 to 1945.

**Fires of Kuwait: IMAX**

1992 NR 36 minutes

Shot on location, this Oscar-nominated documentary takes viewers to the center of the first Gulf War's legacy. After Saddam Hussein has Kuwait's oil fields lit up, teams from around the world fight these fires for months to save the oil resources and reduce air pollution. Each team uses different techniques to extinguish the fires, including TNT shockwaves and tank-mounted twin MIG jet engines to blast away the flames.

**Death in El Valle**

2009 NR 51 minutes

When Francisco Redondo died in the custody of Spain's Civil Guard, police claimed he was shot while trying to escape … but everyone else says he was murdered. C.M. Hardt, Redondo's granddaughter, sets out to learn the truth in this 2007 documentary. More than 50 years after Redondo's death, Hardt finds that the people of El Valle are still unwilling to discuss the uprising against the Franco regime that resulted in Redondo's demise.

**National Geographic: Beyond the Movie: Pearl Harbor**

2001 NR 53 minutes

Go behind the scenes to see how fact and fiction fused to create a silver-screen blockbuster. This gripping documentary looks at Japan's infamous 1941 attack, combining archival footage with clips from the war epic Pearl Harbor. Included are interviews with the film's cast and crew (Ben Affleck, Alec Baldwin, Cuba Gooding Jr., producer Jerry Bruckheimer and director Michael Bay), plus comments and anecdotes from combat veterans and historians.
Blake: The Marriage of Heaven and Hell

2006 NR 29 minutes

Featuring dramatizations by Oscar-winning actress Anne Baxter and Tony winner George Rose, this 1983 documentary looks at the life and works of Englishman William Blake, a prolific poet, engraver, painter and mystic. Though his symbolic expressions of religious visions -- especially in his book *The Marriage of Heaven and Hell* -- brought the innovative Blake a measure of fame, his genius went largely unrecognized during his lifetime.

Raise the Song: The History of Penn State

2008 NR 60 minutes

This documentary traces the growth of Penn State University from its humble beginnings in 1855 as Farmers' High School to its current status as a world-class university boasting top research facilities, academic offerings, athletic programs and more. Highlights include coverage of the school's Dance Marathon organization -- the largest student-run philanthropy in the world -- and of the Nittany Lions' football dynasty, led by coach Joe Paterno.

Investigation of a Flame

2001 NR 50 minutes

This fascinating documentary profiles the Vietnam-era protest group dubbed the Catonsville Nine after a poetic act of civil disobedience. In 1968, nine people -- including three Catholic priests -- grabbed hundreds of selective service records from a Catonsville, Md., draft board office and torched them with homemade napalm. The story is told through archival footage and more recent interviews with some of the participants and others.

Guns of the Civil War

1993 NR 161 minutes

Charles Martin Smith hosts this three-part series that focuses on the weapons used in the Civil War. Many historians believe these weapons were more advanced than the tactics used in battle. Chapter 1 covers the stories behind the weapons used; Chapter 2 focuses on the desperate search for weapons in the heat of battle; and Chapter 3 covers the introduction of artillery guns such as the Parrott Gun, the Gatling Gun and the Howitzer.

A Newsreel History of the Third Reich: Vol. 19

1944 NR 85 minutes

This installment of the fascinating series covers the latter part of 1944, exploring Germany's V2 bombing campaign of southern England, the battles over eastern Poland and the ongoing transformation of the Hitler Youth into a real military division. The series compiles authentic newsreel footage -- discovered by Russian troops in 1945 -- created by Nazi propagandists under the leadership of Joseph Goebbels.

Independent Lens: Paul Conrad: Drawing Fire
2006 NR 60 minutes

Narrated by Tom Brokaw, this program -- part of the Emmy-winning PBS "Independent Lens" series -- explores the life and work of three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning political cartoonist Paul Conrad. During his 50-year career, Conrad has covered 11 American presidents and racked up a long list of prestigious journalism awards. Interviews with Conrad, Ed Guthman, Doug Marlette and many others shed light on this remarkable man and his legendary career.

**Churchill: The Life and Speeches**

2008 NR 60 minutes

Experience the inspirational power of Winston Churchill's public speaking with this collection of his most famous speeches that also traces the arc of his prestigious career as one of Great Britain's most celebrated political figures. Through Churchill's voice and words, viewers will come to understand why he was so instrumental to the Allied victory over the Axis powers and said to possess "the common touch" despite undeniably aristocratic roots.

**The Da Vinci Files**

2005 NR 3 discs

Author Dan Brown's best-selling book "The Da Vinci Code" generated mystery and much controversy about whether we really know everything about the life of Renaissance man Leonardo da Vinci. Shot on location in Italy, this fascinating documentary examines the remarkable life of the artist/inventor and digs deep to uncover the truth about da Vinci's relationship with the Freemasons and the elite secret society Priory of Sion.

**The Suffragettes**

2008 NR 60 minutes

With the aid of archival footage, period photography and dramatized eyewitness accounts and reconstructions, this documentary commemorates the rise of the suffragettes and chronicles their fight for the female vote in the United Kingdom. The film also focuses on the life and work of suffragette leader Emmeline Pankhurst, who was famously sent to prison for her devotion to the cause and died the same year her dream was finally realized.

**The War Zone: Complete History of World War II**

2007 NR 3 discs

With expert analysis, rare archival footage and memorable still images, this comprehensive documentary covers every aspect of the conflict that has fascinated war buffs for decades and come to be known as "the last good war." Relive all the key events, from the destruction of the Blitzkrieg, the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor and the fall of France to the liberation of Western Europe, the dropping of the atomic bomb and everything in between.

**Ellis Island**

1997 NR 150 minutes

A memorial to the immigrant experience at America's busiest immigration processing center, Ellis Island. From their often dangerous sea voyages through the grueling documentation process and the often inadvertent Americanization of family names, the reality and
the legacy are examined. Produced through the History Channel, with interviews from the Ellis Island Oral History Project. Narrated by Mandy Patinkin.

**D-Day to Berlin**

1998 NR 150 minutes

Follow the progress of the Allied armies as they march across Europe in the closing campaigns of World War II in this three-part series that examines the tumultuous period between D-day and the surrender of Germany, 11 months later. Historical footage and interviews with American, British and German veterans reveal the strategic impact of each battle and explain how Russia's growing power would set the stage for a new global conflict.

**Six Days in June**

(Six Days)

2007 NR 108 minutes

Using battle footage, interviews with the protagonists, re-creations and recently declassified archives, this PBS presentation tells the story of the six days in June 1967 that forever changed the face of the Middle East. Shot on location in Israel, Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Moscow and Washington, the tightly edited film also documents the days leading up to the Arab-Israeli conflict and the evolution of the region in its aftermath.

**Lafayette: The Lost Hero**

2010 NR 55 minutes

The marquis de Lafayette (Patrick Bauchau) was a French aristocrat turned distinguished American general and statesman, yet he is remembered mainly by way of the towns that bear his name. This searching documentary uncovers the story of democracy’s forgotten father. A soldier at 19, drafter of the Declaration of the Rights of Man, prisoner of war -- these are but a few of the milestones that mark Lafayette's illustrious and stormy career.

**Magnificent Voyage of Christopher Columbus**

2007 NR 109 minutes

A modern-day sailing crew traces Columbus's first Atlantic crossing, which altered the course of world history. Through replicas of the original fleet, the practicalities of the voyage are revealed alongside the future framework of human migration. Not only had Columbus discovered two new continents, but he also, albeit unwittingly, set into motion a global transformation, opening the door to further exploration -- and exploitation.

**Great Writers: William Faulkner**

2001 NR 45 minutes

Explore the life and works of one of America's greatest writers with this absorbing program on William Faulkner. Famous for his depiction of the growing pains of the South in his many novels, Faulkner received the Nobel Prize in literature in 1949. Expert commentary, archival documents and rare interviews shed light on the celebrated author, whose major works include *The Sound and the Fury*, *As I Lay Dying*, *Light in August* and *Absalom, Absalom*.
Seeking 1906

2006 NR 60 minutes

Join acclaimed British author Simon Winchester on a yearlong journey through California to research his book about the devastating 1906 San Francisco earthquake, A Crack in the Edge of the World. The engrossing documentary follows Winchester as he chats with quake survivors and gathers information from seismologists about contemporary methods of studying temblors and the long-term effects of one of history's most powerful shakers.

Alexander the Great: Myth and Reality

2005 NR 3 discs

Larger-than-life warrior Alexander the Great was tutored by Aristotle, became King of Macedonia at age 20 and conquered lands from Greece to Egypt to Asia, creating a vast empire with his unmatched military tactics. Filmed in Greece, Turkey, Syria, Egypt and Iran, this comprehensive documentary chronicles Alexander's remarkable life and supreme military skills through insight into ancient writings by top historians and archaeologists.

Order of the Alchemists: The Knights of Malta and Cagliostro

2008 NR 66 minutes

Blending on-location footage filmed throughout Europe with vivid reconstructions brought to life with the aid of computer animation, this program sheds light on a little-known order of knights that's far less famous than its Templar cousins. Although the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and the Knights Templar have several things in common -- including their roots -- their purposes were decidedly different.

Secrets of the Code

2006 NR 88 minutes

Actress Susan Sarandon narrates this feature-length documentary that explores the controversy and widespread effects spawned by Dan Brown's runaway best-seller The Da Vinci Code. Based on Dan Burstein's book, the film also looks into Mary Magdalene's real identity, the quest for the Holy Grail, secretive organizations such as Opus Dei and more. Prominent theologians, academics, scientists and historians share their insights.

You Are There: World War II Begins

1953 NR 50 minutes

Walter Cronkite's pronunciation "You are there" -- a witness to history's greatest moments -- greeted viewers of this popular TV series that aired from 1953-1957. Hosted by correspondents such as Charles Collingwood and Mike Wallace, the show investigated key historical events as though they were breaking news. This volume chronicles World War II's initial battles, including Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor and Adolf Hitler's invasion of Poland.

You Are There: Tragedy and Promise
Walter Cronkite's pronouncement "You are there" -- a witness to history's great moments -- greeted viewers of this popular television series that aired from 1953-1957. Hosted by reporters such as Charles Collingwood and Mike Wallace, the program investigated historical events as though they were breaking news. This installment recounts the search for and capture of Abraham Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth, and the first oil strike in Texas.

You Are There: Invasion

1953 NR 50 minutes

Legendary newsman Walter Cronkite's stentorian pronouncement "You are there" -- an armchair witness to history's greatest moments -- greeted viewers of this popular television series that ran from 1953-1957. Hosted by broadcasters such as Charles Collingwood and Mike Wallace, the show investigated famous historical events as though they were breaking news. This program covers the 1944 D-Day invasion and Paris' liberation during World War II.

You Are There: Two Dramatic Flights

1953 NR 50 minutes

Walter Cronkite's pronouncement "You are there" -- a witness to history's great moments -- greeted viewers of this popular TV series that ran from 1953-1957. Hosted by journalists such as Mike Wallace and Charles Collingwood, the show investigated major historical events as though they were breaking news. This episode covers early aeronautic history, including the Wright Brothers' first flight in Kitty Hawk, N.C., and the Graf Spee's final hours.

You Are There: The Outlaws

1953 NR 50 minutes

Newscaster Walter Cronkite's stentorian pronouncement "You are there" -- an armchair witness to history's great moments -- greeted viewers of this popular television series that ran from 1953-1957. Hosted by the likes of Mike Wallace and Charles Collingwood, the show investigated famed historical events as though they were breaking news. This volume focuses on such notorious outlaws as the Dalton Gang and the gunfight at the O.K. Corral.

You Are There: Jefferson Makes a Difference

1953 NR 50 minutes

Illustrious newsman Walter Cronkite's stentorian pronouncement "You are there" -- an armchair witness to history's great moments -- greeted viewers of this popular television series that aired from 1953-1957. Hosted by correspondents such as Charles Collingwood and Mike Wallace, the program investigated prominent historical events as though they were breaking news. This show centers on the two-term presidency of Thomas Jefferson.

You Are There: The American Revolution and George Washington

1953 NR 50 minutes

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show investigated famous historical events as though they were breaking news. This episode depicts the crucible of the American Revolution and how it helped define George Washington.

**You Are There: The American Revolution Prepares**

1953 NR 50 minutes

Renowned newsman Walter Cronkite's stentorian pronouncement "You are there" -- an armchair witness to history's greatest moments -- greeted viewers of this popular television series that aired from 1953-1957. Hosted by the likes of Charles Collingwood and Mike Wallace, the show investigated key historical events as though they were breaking news. This chapter spotlights the Boston Massacre and the Boston Tea Party.

**You Are There: Discovery and Mutiny**

1953 NR 50 minutes

Walter Cronkite's pronouncement "You are there" -- an armchair witness to history's greatest moments -- greeted viewers of this popular TV series that aired in the 1950s. Hosted by reporters such as Mike Wallace and Charles Collingwood, the show investigated important historical events as though they were breaking news. This episode recounts Mexico's colonization, the American colonists' rebellion and the 1787 mutiny on the *H.M.S. Bounty*.

**Tom Brokaw: The Greatest Generation**

2005 NR 3 discs

Award-winning journalist Tom Brokaw hosts this documentary tribute to the United States' "Greatest Generation," the men and women who came of age during the Great Depression and fought in World War II. Split into three installments, the program mirrors the structure of Brokaw's best-selling books *The Greatest Generation* and *The Greatest Generation Speaks* and includes emotional recollections from soldiers, sailors, pilots and Marines.

**XXI Century**

2003 NR 7 episodes

An in-depth exploration into the state of our society at the start of the 21st century, this probing set of documentaries examines the 2000 U.S. presidential elections, repercussions of the 9/11 attacks, the build-up to the Iraq War and more. Through hard-hitting interviews with experts such as Noam Chomsky, Angela Davis and Howard Zinn, the series also showcases compelling perspectives on mainstream media, patriotism and human rights.

**Chavez Ravine**

(Chavez Ravine: A Los Angeles Story)

2004 NR 26 minutes

A tragic tale of greed and injustice, this powerful documentary chronicles the plight of Chávez Ravine's unfairly evicted residents, whose confiscated land was originally intended for low-income housing but instead became the site of Dodger Stadium. Narrated by actor Cheech Marin and featuring original music by Ry Cooder, this story comes to life through interviews with former residents and photographer Don Normark's extraordinary images.
The Long Walk to Freedom

2003 NR 27 minutes

This inspiring documentary from director Tom Weidlinger profiles 12 diverse Americans who joined the fight for civil rights in the 1960s, proving that ordinary people can make an extraordinary difference in the lives of others. Armed with courage and idealism, the youthful protesters worked as one despite their different racial and economic backgrounds, and now, in the 21st century, they seek to inspire a new generation with their activism.

Walter Cronkite Remembers: A Remarkable Century

2002 NR 3 discs

Join legendary newsman Walter Cronkite on a journey through the 20th century in this award-winning program documenting the events that shaped the world. Archival photos and newsreel clips cover the development of organized crime, the Great Depression, World War I and World War II, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the struggle for civil rights, the space race, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the Vietnam War, to name a few.

Romeo & Juliet: The Tragic Lovers

2008 NR 60 minutes

A trio of scholars provides commentary to illuminate staged excerpts from William Shakespeare's tale of star-crossed lovers, filmed in Verona, Italy -- the romantic tragedy's original setting. Host James Bride uses a digitally enhanced version of the play's prologue to provide factual grounding for the work, while experts Gary Taylor and Judith Annozine provide historical and religious context and examine the play's comedic elements.

Leaders in Battle: Duke of Marlborough

2007 NR 50 minutes

A 17th-century nobleman who dreamed of doing battle all his life, John Churchill grew up to realize his vision, later finding renown as a military genius. But that wasn't all he was equipped to do: This historical documentary examines his political acumen as well. It's a skill that propelled him to the center of King Charles II's court, where he rose through the ranks to become the Duke of York and, subsequently, of Marlborough.

Leaders in Battle: Lord Admiral Horatio Nelson

2001 NR 50 minutes

Born into a poor family, Horatio Nelson eventually rose to become one of the best naval tacticians in England's history. This compelling program documents his many victories at sea, including the Battle of Trafalgar, one of the most important events in British military history, where he finally met his end. As a knight and an admiral, he devised strategies that transformed the navy and is still revered as one of England's greatest heroes.

Leaders in Battle: Oliver Cromwell
Oliver Cromwell may be synonymous with what is now known as the Commonwealth of England, but his early years were simple. That soon changed when he proved himself a fine soldier, able to do battle in his country and abroad, as detailed in this historical documentary. But he was also a cunning operator within the confines and pressures of political life, though in the end, his reign as a de facto monarch divided his people.

Robert F. Kennedy: Legacy

2008 NR 51 minutes

This collection of archival footage features the most compelling speeches, press conferences and appearances made by Robert F. Kennedy, easily one of the most beloved political figures in the history of the United States. Highlights include RFK's eulogy to Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, a tribute to John F. Kennedy at the 1964 Democratic National Convention and his stirring address at Columbia University later that year.

Pearl Harbor & Beyond: Winning the War with Japan

2005 NR 4 discs

The so-called "day that will live in infamy" comes alive for viewers decades after the attack at Pearl Harbor unfolded. This gripping documentary makes excellent use of newsreels, print materials and archival footage, as well as input from historians and other experts. Learn about the events that led up to the horrific attack, and examine the ripple effects that helped shape history and destiny in the months and years afterward.

Blossoms of Fire

(Ramo de Fuego)

2000 NR 74 minutes

Maureen Gosling and Ellen Osborne's documentary reveals the fascinating history of the town of Juchitan in Oaxaca, Mexico. Hundreds of years ago, a matriarchal society existed in the area, and Juchitan still exhibits a remarkable link to its past. Women run most of the town's businesses, manage family finances, act as government leaders and activists, and enjoy a rare level of social equality uncommon in the rest of the world.

Vintage Steam

2007 NR 106 minutes

Presenting remastered versions of rare vintage films, this compilation of short British and American railroad movies -- most of which have not been seen for decades -- is a train enthusiast's dream. Titles include "Five Midwestern Railroads: In the Days of Steam," "Steam Locomotives in Action on the Pennsylvania," "Footplate Express," "When Steam Was King," "The Flying Scotsman Runs Again," "Hudsons of the New York Central" and more.

National Geographic: Wrath of the Tsar

2006 NR 90 minutes
Explore the intriguing story of Peter the Great, the boy czar who moved Russia into the modern age in the 18th century. Stunning cinematography enhances the reenactments that trace the tragedies of his childhood, his triumphs on the battlefields and the paranoia that caused him to imprison his son. Part of National Geographic's Icons of Power series, this fascinating documentary sheds light on the life and reign of the complex ruler.

**National Geographic: Empress of Ambition**

2006 NR 90 minutes

Explore the remarkable story of Catherine the Great, from her humble beginnings in Germany to her rise to prominence as empress of Russia in the 18th century. Stunning cinematography enhances the reenactments that trace the epic events and numerous scandals of one of history's most controversial figures. Part of National Geographic's "Icons of Power" series, this absorbing documentary sheds light on the life and reign of the celebrated empress.

**Kimjongilia**

*(Kimjongilia: The Flower of Kim Jong II)*

2009 NR 73 minutes

Marked by a long history of repression and information control, North Korea continues to scrupulously monitor the activities of its citizens. This exposé reveals daily life under a totalitarian regime as well as the stories of prison camp survivors. Filmmaker N.C. Heikin draws on her artistic sensibility as a dancer and performer to craft a stylish documentary that bears a surprising message of hope and inspiration.

**The Black Death**

1997 NR 50 minutes

Leonard Nimoy hosts this episode of A&E's "Ancient Mysteries" about the history of the bubonic plague, which devastated Egypt, Asia Minor and Europe for 52 years and killed an estimated 100 million people. The program chronicles the origins of the disease, the attempts to find a cure and how the plague affected daily life. Also examined are the similarities between the Ebola virus and the plague and the potential for another widespread outbreak.

**Space: The Secret History**

2005 NR 2 discs

Examine the untold truths surrounding the great space frontier. Find out how many of the riskiest events were hidden from the general public and, as a result, how some of the bravest astronauts received no recognition for their efforts. By looking closely at the evidence in this documentary, you'll discover that the first man in space was not Yuri Gagarin, as has long been thought, but instead Russian test pilot Vladimir Ilvushin.

**The Great Indian Wars**

1991 NR 3 discs

Beginning with Francisco Vazquez de Coronado's expedition to the Great Plains in 1540, the white man's armed conflict with the American Indian raged on for hundreds of years, culminating with the bloody massacre of the Sioux at the Battle of Wounded Knee.
This fascinating program explores the details of these conflicts, including several pivotal skirmishes such as the Battle of Tippecanoe, the Battle of Little Big Horn and the Seminole Wars.

**Landslide: A Portrait of President Herbert Hoover**

( Herbert Hoover: Landslide)

2009 TV-PG 56 minutes

An illuminating account of Herbert Hoover's personal life and governmental career, this historical documentary profiles the former head of state's political philosophy, memorable election campaigns, Great Depression policies and more. Through interviews with scholars such as David Kennedy, Robert Reich and Tim Egan, this biography sheds new light on the underappreciated president's difficult tenure and enduring legacy.

**Bombies**

2001 NR 56 minutes

Director Jack Silberman presents a compelling documentary on an emotional topic: the tragic presence of millions of unexploded cluster bombs in the fields and jungles of Laos, long after the U.S. military deposited them there during the Vietnam War. An estimated 90 million cluster bombs were dropped on Laos between 1964 and 1973, and since the end of America's "secret" war there, the lethal devices have wounded more than 12,000 people.

**America's Lost Landscape**

(America's Lost Landscape: The Tallgrass Prairie)

2005 NR 58 minutes

Beginning in 1830, America's frontier settlers launched an agricultural transformation that turned the nation's vast, tall-grass prairie into farm fields. For American Indians living on the prairie, the forces of change also meant the extinction of their way of life. Award-winning filmmaker David O'Shields and renowned biologist Daryl Smith relate this fascinating chapter of history through remarkable cinematography, archival images and interviews.

**The Americas: The Story of Civilization**

2006 NR 50 minutes

This installment of the Story of Civilization series harkens back to the days of sun gods, human sacrifice and sacred beasts, focusing on the collective worlds of the Aztecs, the Mayans and the Native Americans. Blending dazzling period imagery with authentic on-location footage, accurate re-creations and reconstructions, and expert commentary and analysis, this program quietly exposes the roots of America's past.

**The Viking Age: The Story of Civilization**

2001 NR 50 minutes
This chapter of the Story of Civilization series explores the influence of Viking culture and uncovers the truth about its plunderous past, revealing little-known facts about Viking religion and art along the way. Unique on-location footage filmed at ancient spots the world over combines with accurate reconstructions and expert commentary to tell a riveting tale of ambition, bravery and innovation.

**The Harriman Alaska Expedition Retraced**

(The Harriman Alaska Expedition Retraced: 1899-2001)

2002 NR 112 minutes

In 1899, railroad magnate Edward Harriman organized a massive expedition to the coastal regions of Alaska, recruiting top scientists, painters, writers and photographers. This film chronicles that journey, as well as another. More than a century later, Thomas Litwin of Smith College leads another similarly distinguished party along the same route, studying the changes wrought by civilization's steady march.

**Frost/Nixon: The Complete Interviews**

1977 NR 2 discs

The historic David Frost/Richard Nixon interviews that riveted viewers for four nights in May 1977 and inspired both a Tony-winning play and an Oscar-nominated film are offered in their entirety in this intriguing look back at history. After agreeing to be interviewed without screening any questions in advance, Nixon sat down with the British journalist to candidly discuss the Cold War, Vietnam and -- most notoriously -- the Watergate scandal.

**The War on Democracy**

2007 NR 93 minutes

Journalist and documentarian John Pilger focuses on the ambivalent role played by the United States in promoting Latin American democracy, suggesting that American leaders have often favored oppressive regimes over more democratic alternatives. Pilger outlines the last five decades of political manipulation by the CIA and other U.S. agencies, focusing in particular on recent efforts to unseat the populist Hugo Chavez in Venezuela.

**The Last Child**

(The Last Child: The Global Race to End Polio)

2004 NR 56 minutes

Only once before in human history has modern medicine wiped out a disease, and now the race is on to eradicate polio, which still cripples children in India, Africa and other poverty-stricken areas, despite the efforts of tireless volunteers. This documentary examines the future of vaccination efforts, which hangs in the balance: If polio is stopped forever, it will give hope to scientists and sufferers alike in the war against other diseases.

**John James Audubon**

(John James Audubon: Drawn from Nature)

2006 NR 55 minutes
This beautifully photographed documentary profiles the surprising life of John James Audubon, one of the foremost naturalists, artists and explorers of the 19th century. Audubon's stunningly vivid wildlife portraits are examined in detail. A self-taught artist, Audubon was also a showman who reveled in dramatizing his Wild West adventures when he toured European drawing rooms. Audubon's fierce promotion of conservation is also discussed.

**The Wright Stuff: American Experience**

1996 NR 60 minutes

This compelling documentary charts how the Wright brothers -- two seemingly ordinary young men who ran a bicycle shop in Dayton, Ohio -- became self-taught aeronautical engineers and constructed the first successful flying machine. Surmounting their sibling squabbling and the world's skepticism, Orville and Wilbur made history ... and forever changed it. Garrison Keillor narrates and author David McCullough serves as host.

**King Tut: The Face of Tutankhamun**

2006 NR 200 minutes

This four-part BBC docudrama chronicles the discovery of King Tut's tomb in 1922 by archeologist Howard Carter, bringing to life the suspense and excitement via dramatic re-enactments. "The Great Adventure" traces Carter's search for the pharaoh's tomb, while "Wonderful Things" captures the moment he unseals it. We then see the apparent effects of an ancient curse in "The Pharaoh Awakes" and learn more about the mummy in "Heads in the Sand."

**Terrorism: A World in Shadows**

1997 NR 3 discs

What are the causes of terrorism, and how will it affect the future? This series examines those questions and more by exploring the religious, political and ethnic origins of terrorism, and profiling terrorist ideologies, systems and personalities. From Northern Ireland and Palestine to the Achille Lauro cruise ship hijacking and the murder of Israeli Olympic athletes at the 1972 Munich games, this series looks at past and present threats.

**Small Steps, Big Strides**

1997 NR 56 minutes


**Ancient Civilizations: Land of the Pharaohs**

2001 NR 120 minutes

Meet the people, visit the places and experience the daily customs of ancient times. From the Great Pyramids and beyond, no other series brings you this close to legendary rulers and mysterious settings. With this definitive collection, the ancient world is painstakingly recreated to put you in the heart of it.
Project XX: The Great War

(Project Twenty: The Great War, World War I)

1956 NR 60 minutes

Narrated by Alexander Scourby, this fascinating documentary examines Western culture and the great conflagration of world powers between the years 1914 and 1918, when the nations of Europe, and later America, were dragged into World War I (also known as the Great War). Includes rare footage of the war's pivotal events, from the assassination of Austria's archduke to the Battle of Verdun and President Wilson's Fourteen Points for peace.

WWII Road to Victory

2004 NR 5 discs

This five-disc set offers an incisive look at 20 pivotal battles of World War II, with many of the discs featuring beautifully restored and stunning color footage. In essence, every major campaign of history's largest war is covered (from the invasion of Poland to the fall of Berlin), with stories of the soldiers, sailors and airmen who saw frontline action effectively represented.

Great American Authors Since 1650

2007 NR 4 discs

Actress Jane Kaczmarek hosts this comprehensive history of American fiction from 1650 to the present day, which includes profiles of some of the country's greatest authors. Illuminating the lives of writers such as Ernest Hemingway, John Steinbeck, Kurt Vonnegut, Edgar Allan Poe, Mark Twain, Toni Morrison and others, the program examines the way each developed a unique voice that reflects the complex fabric of America.

The World's Greatest Fair

2004 NR 120 minutes

The largest world's fair in history (which took place in St. Louis in 1904) included the first Olympic Games on American soil, where competitors were openly administered drugs and marathon runners were chased off course by dogs. Other firsts include the first ferris wheel; also, Apache chief Geronimo sold visitors autographs and his hat -- which he then replaced with another from a box hidden under the table. Features never-before-seen images.

A Man, a Plan, a Canal, Panama: Nova

1999 NR 60 minutes

The award-winning NOVA team examines the Panama Canal's rich, dark and complicated history via rarely seen film footage and photographs documenting its creation. It turned out to be one of the most ambitious feats of engineering ever attempted. Begun in 1880 with a French initiative and continued years later by the Americans, the canal's construction took 30 years and claimed the lives of many workers along the way.

Army-Navy Screen Magazine
1943 NR 2 discs

Compiled from authentic newsreel footage and archival images, this documentary program explores the U.S. Navy's greatest World War II moments and captures all the drama of fighting enemies at sea. Segments focus on the Battle of the Mediterranean; action in the South Atlantic; the use of submarine "wolf packs"; the attack at Pearl Harbor; the Battle of Midway; the conquest of Micronesia; and more.

The Great Tank Battles: World War II

2001 NR 2 discs

In four thrilling segments, this two-disc set tells the thundering story of the most dramatic armored vehicle showdowns in World War II history. Early in the conflict, the seemingly unstoppable Nazi Panzers held the power, but Allied tanks such as the Soviet T-34 and the British Matilda II eventually gained the upper hand. And Gen. George Patton's superior firepower ultimately sealed the fate of the Axis forces.

Lost Nation: The Ioway

2007 NR 57 minutes

Husband-and-wife filmmakers Kelly and Tammy Rundle chronicle the dramatic story of the Ioway people, a once-powerful American Indian tribe that signed away 36 million acres of their homeland to the U.S. government to create the state of Iowa. The Ioways' White Cloud viewed the move as a necessary evil for survival. But his brother Great Walker saw the treaty as the figurative death of the tribe's existence.

The Kremlin

1963 NR 54 minutes

American filmmaker and TV producer Lucy Jarvis is granted unprecedented access to the iconic Soviet complex, the Kremlin, in this groundbreaking 1963 TV special nominated for three Emmy Awards. Featuring interviews with several Kremlin officials, the documentary examines the rise of Soviet ideology from its modest beginnings to its enormous power at the height of the Cold War. The film is a remarkable time capsule of Soviet-era Communism.

Into the Fire

(Into The Fire: American Women in the Spanish Civil War)

2002 NR 58 minutes

Filmmaker Julia Newman interviews more than a dozen American women -- including nurses, notable authors and others -- who defied the U.S. government in 1936 to support the newly elected democratic government of Spain in its fight against a right-wing military faction led by Gen. Francisco Franco. The result is a thought-provoking study of the Spanish Civil War, a key battle in the European fight against fascism.

Unfinished Business

1986 NR 58 minutes
Early in 1942, more than 100,000 Japanese-Americans were uprooted from their homes and sent to relocation camps situated on the West Coast. Without hearings or trials, men, women and children were evacuated under Executive Order 9066. This powerful documentary directed by Steven Okazaki tells the story of three Japanese-American resistors who defied the government order and refused to go, resulting in their conviction and imprisonment.

**The Tower of London**

1991 NR 45 minutes

Experience the splendor and secret horrors of one of London's most notorious sites with this spectacular travelogue. Your journey begins in the lofty royal quarters of the White Tower and continues on to Wakefield Tower, the site of Henry VI's murder. Your final destination is the infamous Bloody Tower, where Sir Walter Raleigh spent 13 years in prison, and the Tower Green, where hundreds of executions took place.

**Price for Peace**

2002 NR 89 minutes

Produced by Steven Spielberg with the help of renowned historian Stephen Ambrose, this absorbing documentary examines World War II as it begins in Pearl Harbor in 1941 and marches through Asia, finally ending with the American attack on Japan in 1945. Features interviews with Japanese and American soldiers in action during that horrifying segment of history, and also examines how Japanese-Americans were treated in the United States.

**Going for Broke**

2005 NR 75 minutes

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye hosts this fascinating documentary narrated by George Takei of "Star Trek," a chronicle of the thousands of Japanese-American soldiers who proved their loyalty to the United States by volunteering to defend their country during World War II. Bonus features include footage from a U.S. government film documenting the relocation of Japanese-Americans, as well as a comparison of the Yellow Peril and Jim Crowism.

**The Century That Made America Great**

2003 NR 180 minutes

America grew to be a world leader through its many notable triumphs and accomplishments, most of which occurred during the 20th century. This collection consists of three volumes full of exciting details about the events that helped mold America into a country that continues to be full of innovation and inspiration. Included are "The Eagle Soars," "Wonders of the Century" and "Miracles of Communication.

**The Story of America**

1997 NR 180 minutes

The history of America is full of brave human beings who laid the blueprint for our nation through centuries of struggle, heartache and perseverance. Personal letters and diaries, archival footage and predictions from noted historians make this collection highly informative as you travel across America throughout four centuries while learning about the countless remarkable events that have since become a part of our collective legacy.
**Faith of the Century: A History of Communism**

(La Foi du Siecle: Une Histoire du Communisme)

1999 NR 2 discs

This engaging documentary examines the spread of communism across the globe in the 20th century, from its earliest incarnation at the end of World War I to the height of its influence mid-century to the collapse of many regimes in the 1990s. Rare archival footage, photographs and propaganda from behind the Iron Curtain shed fresh light on the ideology that dominated much of the world for a century and that still thrives in many places today.

**America: The War Years: 1943-1945: From Tunis to Tokyo**

1943 NR 150 minutes

From the advance of Allied troops in 1943 to the shocking death of President Franklin Roosevelt in 1945, revisit the flash points of America during World War II through monthly black-and-white newsreels filmed during the three-year period. Highlights include the securing of Guadalcanal, the storming of Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge, the Soviet capture of Berlin, Marines landing on Iwo Jima, and the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

**Voices in Wartime**

2005 NR 75 minutes

Exploring with powerful images and moving words the often-ignored connection between war and poetry, this fascinating documentary trains the lens on poets from around the world, collecting views and experiences that extend beyond national borders. The film also illuminates the historical relationship between poetry and war, from ancient Babylonia and the fields of Troy to the great conflicts of the 20th century.

**Rembrandt's J'accuse**

2008 NR 100 minutes

Filmmaker Peter Greenaway's essayistic documentary brings art to life by meticulous examining Rembrandt's group portrait "Night Watch," searching for clues to murder and the motives of the 34 characters depicted. Beginning at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Greenaway weaves in the social history of the 17th-century city as he unravels secret messages never noticed before and a conspiracy that involves everyone in the painting.

**This Is War: Memories of Iraq**

2007 NR 82 minutes

Following nine Oregon National Guard soldiers who deployed to Iraq in the summer of 2004, this documentary provides a rare inside look at the high cost of war. Employing photographs and footage shot primarily by the soldiers themselves, the film takes viewers to Fallujah, Najaf and the perilous bomb-infested roads outside of Baghdad as well as inside the heads of the combatants to reveal the tight bonds that emerge from the action.
**NBC News Presents: The Last Days of Jesus**

2004 NR 44 minutes

NBC News anchor Stone Phillips travels to Jerusalem to trace the last steps of Jesus Christ. Featuring revealing new scholarship and fascinating interviews with historians, The Last Days of Jesus also explores the concept of faith and what it has meant throughout the ages. The result: a well-rounded, in-depth study of one of the most beloved and important figures in world history.

**Famous Generals of WWII**

2006 NR 2 discs

Six men who helped change the course of history -- Omar Bradley, Henry "Hap" Arnold, Douglas MacArthur, Joseph Stillwell, George Patton and Dwight Eisenhower -- come to life in this World War II documentary. While their accomplishments range from building the Air Force from the ground up (Arnold) to outsmarting the "Desert Fox," German Field Marshall Erwin Rommel (Patton), all were instrumental in propelling the Allied war machine to victory.

**The Tower**

2004 NR 2 discs / 10 episodes

The Tower of London has stood for more than 900 years. A structure of magnificent architectural splendor, it has also served as one of the world's most notorious prisons. Explore this remarkable fortress and discover its secrets, including executions of the royal, the wealthy -- and even the innocent. Reenactments, interviews and digital animation bring the nearly millennium-long history of the Tower dazzlingly to life.

**A Moment in History: The Inauguration of Barack Obama**

2009 NR 78 minutes

Revisit the historic events of Jan. 20, 2009, when Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44th U.S. president before thousands of enthralled spectators on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. ABC News compiles its coverage of the all the day's happenings, including the inaugural speech; outgoing president George W. Bush's helicopter exit; the president and first lady sharing their first dance at the star-studded Neighborhood Ball; and more.

**Historic Traveler: Robert E. Lee Country**

1997 NR 50 minutes

Visit the heart of the Confederacy in this captivating travel show that makes key stops in the journey of Gen. Robert E. Lee, including battlefields such as Gettysburg and Antietam and the Appomattox courthouse where he formally surrendered. Hosted by Emmy Award winner Bill Boggs, the series examines the people who made history and features tips for visiting the places where it happened, including suggestions on routes, lodging and sightseeing.

**Historic Traveler: Grant and Sherman**

1997 NR 50 minutes
This fascinating travelogue traces the Union army's path to victory in the Civil War and two of its most important leaders, Ulysses Grant and William Sherman, with visits to key battlefields such as Vicksburg and Shiloh. Hosted by Emmy Award winner Bill Boggs, the series examines the people who made history and features useful tips for visiting the sites where the action unfolded, including suggestions on lodging, routes and sightseeing.

**Historic Traveler: Gold Rush and Gun Fighters**

1997 NR 50 minutes

Discover the real Wild West in this engaging travel series that examines the impact of the California gold rush on the developing nation and details some of the more colorful bandits that made the period both dangerous and exciting. Hosted by Emmy Award winner Bill Boggs, the series looks at the people who made history and features useful tips for visiting significant sites today, including suggestions on hotels, routes and sightseeing.

**Historic Traveler: To Win the War**

1997 NR 50 minutes

See where some of the biggest battles of World War II were planned and fought in this fascinating travelogue, including the British cabinet war rooms, the Royal Air Force Museum and the beaches of Normandy where Allied forces waded ashore on D-Day. Hosted by Emmy Award winner Bill Boggs, these episodes of the historical series explain what it took for the Allies to stand up to the overwhelming Nazi war machine -- and win.

**Gunfighters**

2000 NR 87 minutes

Learn the real-life stories behind the myths that have developed around some of the most famous gunfighters of the Old West in this captivating documentary that covers both notorious outlaws and the dedicated lawmen who tried to rein them in. Some of the legendary characters featured are Wyatt Earp, Wild Bill Hickcock, Billy the Kid, Frank and Jesse James, the Dalton Boys, Buffalo Bill, the Youngers, Pat Garrett, the Renos and Bob Ford.

**Historic Traveler: Roots of American Entertainment**

2000 NR 50 minutes

Take a trip to the birthplace of the American entertainment industry in this enthralling travelogue that visits the huge theaters of Los Angeles, the studios where the earliest blockbusters were produced and the sites where jazz and blues grew up. Narrated by Emmy Award winner Bill Boggs, this episode of the historical series focuses on the people who shaped showbiz history and includes practical suggestions for visiting musical and movie meccas.

**Paris Was a Woman**

1996 NR 75 minutes

Paris between the World Wars was the undisputed artistic capital of the world. Cultural titans Gertrude Stein, Colette, Djuna Barnes, painter Marie Laurencin, publishers and booksellers Sylvia Beach and Adrienne Monnier, and *New Yorker* journalist Janet Flanner all lived and worked on the Left Bank. Through home movies and intimate storytelling, this documentary re-creates the mood and flavor of this unique female artistic community.
American Experience: The Great Famine

2011 NR 53 minutes

This installment of "American Experience" sheds light on the devastating 1921 famine that left millions of Soviet Russians starving, a pandemic that prompted then-Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover to mobilize Americans into action.

King Arthur: The Truth Behind the Legend

2004 NR 90 minutes

Travel the verdant green hills of Great Britain and separate fact from fiction concerning England's most famous and legendary king, Arthur. This penetrating documentary deconstructs the myth to get at grains of truth. Who was Guinevere? Was Merlin real? What is the truth about Excalibur? Was there really a Holy Grail? Prepare to meet the man … not the myth!

Out of Ireland: Story of Emigration into America

1995 NR 111 minutes

Writer-director Paul Wagner's thoughtful documentary details the history of Irish immigration to America using archival and contemporary film footage, readings from correspondence and expert analysis to convey the flavor and progression of events. Included are insightful discussions of the potato famine, Irish folk traditions, Catholicism and the deprivation and political oppression that led millions to abandon their homeland for a better life.

My Knees Were Jumping: Remembering the Kindertransport

1996 NR 77 minutes

Nominated for a Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival, My Knees Were Jumping is the first feature-length documentary to reveal the heart-wrenching story behind the Kindertransport -- a British refugee policy that saved more than 10,000 Jewish children during World War II. Narrated by screen legend Joanne Woodward, the film weaves unforgettable first-hand accounts with archival footage to convey the movement's extraordinary impact.

The Napoleonic Wars

1999 NR 55 minutes

The battlefield genius of the infamous Napoleon Bonaparte is re-created via informative maps, period imagery and artwork and authentic reenactments in this historical documentary focusing on his military conquests. Expert analysis of the emperor's successes and notable failures includes commentary from Niall Barr of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, historian John Tincey and Napoleonic expert David Chandler.

The First Armies

2001 NR 50 minutes

Part of the Secrets of Ancient Empires series tracing the trajectory of human society, this documentary shows how evolving civilization prompted the creation of organized military forces meant to protect communities. Making the most of available archival
materials and artifacts, expert interviews and reenactments of important events, The First Armies re-creates military life as it was in ancient times.

**The First Merchants**

2001 NR 50 minutes

See how the rise of cities spurred commerce and the development of the merchant class in this engrossing historical documentary, part of the Secrets of Ancient Empires series tracing the development of civilization. With ancient artifacts, archival materials, interviews and reenactments of important events, this absorbing program re-creates societal interactions in the earliest of civilized communities.

**We Were So Beloved**

1985 NR 146 minutes

As a member of New York's Washington Heights community, filmmaker Manfred Kirchheimer gained the trust of Holocaust survivors who agreed to talk to his cameras. But what they told him went so far against the grain that it could only be described as controversial. Among other things, these German Jews reveal a disdain for Polish Jews and convey a sincere belief that their fellow Germans weren't responsible for the mass exterminations.

**On Common Ground: A World War II Reunion**

2001 NR 88 minutes

Combat in the Huertgen Forest ranked among the most devastating of World War II, with American and German forces suffering casualties upwards of 60,000 troops. More than a half-century later, soldiers from both sides assemble at the site for an emotional reunion. The intense feelings they experienced as young men are never far from the surface. Tom Brokaw, Walter Cronkite and John Kenneth Galbraith provide commentary.

**Battle for Dien Bien Phu**

1986 NR 48 minutes

In a gruesome 1953-54 battle, Gen. Giap and his Vietminh army defeated French troops led by Gen. Navarre. This documentary examines the decisive battle from both sides through archival footage and contributions by French and Vietnamese survivors. The program looks at how guerilla tactics employed by the Vietminh at Dien Bien Phu, as well as a false sense of pride on the side of the French, helped to set the course of the Vietnam War.

**The Children of Chabannes**

1999 NR 90 minutes

This uplifting documentary that premiered on HBO recounts a small miracle in the midst of sweeping tragedy. Between 1939 and '42, more than 400 Jewish children were given sanctuary at Château de Chabannes, a school in an outlying region of France. The dedication and courageous efforts of school director Felix Chevrier, educators and a Jewish rescue group saved all but six of the young refugees from Nazi concentration camps and almost certain death.
D-Day Codename Overlord

1998 NR 180 minutes

Using dramatic archival footage (some in color) and interviews with veterans, this documentary chronicles the many facets of the historic Allied invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944. From the years of subterfuge that fooled German defense planning to the storming of the beach and D-day's aftermath, the program reveals the unprecedented effort that defeated the Axis powers in Europe.

Where Is the World Going, Mr. Stiglitz?

2007 NR 2 discs

Nobel Prize winner Joseph Stiglitz, a former chief economist for the World Bank, explains the forces driving the global economy in this five-part series designed for a general audience, not just globalization experts. In addition to offering theories about the state of the world's finances, Stiglitz also suggests ways in which prosperous nations can extend assistance to struggling Third World countries.

Destination America

2005 NR 240 minutes

The journeys of immigrants to America are explored in this fascinating PBS series by filmmaker David Grubin. Each modern-day tale is put into its historical context as the reasons for migration to the U.S. are examined. Economic opportunity compels passage through "The Golden Door"; artistic and religious freedoms underscore "The Art of Departure" and "The Earth Is the Lord's"; and human rights inspire "Breaking Free: A Woman's Journey."

Off the Menu: The Last Days of Chasens

1997 NR 90 minutes

This amazingly candid, affectionate documentary chronicles the closing of legendary L.A. restaurant Chasen's, which shut its doors in 1995 after 60 years of serving its famous chili (among other entrees) to movie stars, presidents and other VIPs. During its two final weeks, Chasen regulars, management and staff (including waiter Tommy Gallagher, a longtime fixture) gave interviews where the anecdotes flowed as freely as the wine.

Ancient Mysteries: The Quest for the Fountain of Youth

1995 NR 50 minutes

More than 20 years after accompanying Christopher Columbus on his second excursion to the New World, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon set out on his own expedition in search of, it was said, the mythical Fountain of Youth. Instead, he discovered Florida. But what if his motivations were more material? In this installment of "Ancient Mysteries," historians and other experts suggest that profit and fame were Ponce de Leon's chief incentives.

The Guerrero Project

2004 NR 100 minutes
In 1827 the slave ship *Guerrero* struck tragedy when it sank off the coast of Florida during a high-speed chase through reef infested waters. Join the modern-day expeditions race to locate the ship's remains. Rough weather, cannon fire and deception began a three-year saga involving 561 captive Africans that included five nations. This documentary unfolds with intense emotion and persistent hope for an ultimate resolution to this lost piece of history.

**The Mafia: An Expose - Vegas and Hoffa**

1998 NR 90 minutes

This behind-the-scenes documentary peers into the world of real-life gangsters, gambling and backroom negotiations. The video's first half looks at Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, whose "crazy" idea of building casinos in the desert led to the sprawling, gaudy metropolis of Las Vegas. The second half of the video tells the story of Jimmy Hoffa, who became the powerful leader of the Teamsters Union before disappearing mysteriously years later.

**Time of Fear**

2004 NR 60 minutes

One of the most heroic times in American history is also the darkest; while World War II raged on and U.S. soldiers fought for freedom and democracy elsewhere, Japanese-Americans were removed from their homes and communities and interned in camps situated in the farthest recesses of Arkansas. Footage of teachers and internees makes time stand still as the subjects relive their most poignant experiences from that dark era.

**The Mafia: An Expose - Valachi/Luciano/Genovese and Hollywood**

1998 NR 90 minutes

Part of a series documenting the history of the Mafia in America, this segment of The Mafia: An Expose profiles the lives of historic mobsters Joe Valachi, Lucky Luciano and members of the Genovese family. Photos, film footage and interviews depict how they built up their empires of crime, sent hit men after competitors and ratted each other out to the feds. The shady life of Luciano's partner in crime, Meyer Lansky, is also documented.

**Bombers and Bombing Raids: 1942-1945**

2004 NR 51 minutes

Chronicling the heavy losses inflicted on the Nazi Luftwaffe by strengthening Russian and British forces in the throes of World War II, this captivating program -- an installment of the WWII Archive Collection -- offers an in-depth look at the various types of aircraft, flying boats and float planes used in battle during this time. Rarely seen archival footage follows every bit of the action, right down to Germany's surrender in May 1945.

**Jesse James: Legend, Outlaw, Terrorist**

2005 NR 85 minutes

One of the most controversial figures in U.S. history, Jesse James has captured the imagination of the world for more than a century. Teen guerilla fighter, Civil War soldier, notorious bandit, James holds a place in popular legend like no other. Through expert accounts, historic analysis and forensic science, this revealing exposé traces the outlaw's life from his humble Southern childhood through his rise to infamy and his mysterious death.
Lost Treasures of the Ancient World: The Pyramids: Jewels of the Nile

1999 NR 50 minutes

Shrouded in mystery, Egypt's pyramids attract thousands of visitors each year -- and to this day, archaeologists continue to uncover important information about the remarkable tombs and the pharaohs who commissioned them. This illuminating documentary explores the awe-inspiring structures' history via detailed reconstructions, location footage, 3-D animation and computer graphics, with a team of leading experts offering their insights.

The Mummies of Rome

2005 NR 50 minutes

Experts investigate the mystery of two mummies found in a tomb outside Rome in this Discovery Channel exploration. Though they determine that the men were Roman citizens, no written records from ancient Rome mention the practice of mummification. Follow the scientists as they open the crypt and examine its contents. Attempting to piece together the puzzle, the specialists begin to question whether more mummies are buried under the Eternal City.

Lost Temple to the Gods

2004 NR 50 minutes

A team of explorers pieces together the ancient Egyptian city of Heracleion, making fascinating archaeological discoveries that shed light on the area, believed to have been destroyed by an earthquake. A pleasure ground in 20 B.C., Heracleion boasted gorgeous beaches, palatial villas and a thriving port. This program follows French explorer Franck Goddio as he uncovers the 3,000-year-old temple city frozen in time under the seafloor.

Hunt for the USS Alligator: U.S. Navy’s First Sub

2005 NR 50 minutes

Follow a team of skilled divers and recovery experts as they search for the wreckage of a Civil War novelty. Commissioned in 1862, the USS Alligator was the U.S. Navy's first military submarine. Designed to protect the wooden-hulled Union ships from the threat of the Confederacy's Ironclads, the Alligator succumbed to bad weather and sank off the coast of the Carolinas less than a year after being commissioned.

The Mafia: An Expose - The Kennedy Connection and Gallo/Colombo/Bonanno

1998 NR 90 minutes

Part of a series documenting the history of the Mafia in America, this segment of The Mafia: An Expose explores -- through photos, film and interviews -- the possible connection of John F. Kennedy's assassination to organized crime. The second part of this documentary covers the war between competing mob families in the 1960s as they tried to gain rule over their territories, a war in which kidnappings and mob hits became commonplace.

From Remagen to the Elbe
2005 NR 60 minutes

The Elbe River -- one of Europe's major waterways -- forms part of what was once the border between East and West Germany before flowing across the country and into the North Sea. Shot by a camera team during the last months of World War II, this remarkable full-color film captures history in the making, reliving the U.S. troops' steady drive across Germany from the bridge at Remagen to the Elbe and southward into Bavaria and Austria.

**American Experience: The Great Fever**

2005 NR 60 minutes

The scourge of 19th-century America, yellow fever stymied health officials for decades before a team of doctors and scientists ventured to Cuba for answers. This documentary tells their story. When a yellow fever outbreak threatened the lives of U.S. soldiers occupying Cuba in 1900, the U.S. Army sent a team to investigate. Soon, they found the culprit -- mosquitoes -- and set in motion the first public health triumph of the 20th century.

**A Newsreel History of the Third Reich: Vol. 8**

2007 NR 88 minutes

Captured German World War II newsreel footage sheds light on the strategy of Joseph Goebbels's Ministry of Propaganda in this continuation of the absorbing historical series. The eighth volume focuses on events from 1941 as they were depicted to the German people on cinema screens across the country. Topics include Hitler's Reichstag Address, footage of Hitler in Berlin, Luftwaffe dogfights, the bombing of Leningrad and more.

**Against All Odds: Israel Survives: The Movie**

2006 NR 95 minutes

A condensed version of the 13-part TV series, this feature-length film explores the role of fate, faith and miracles in the short but tumultuous history of the state of Israel. Moving eyewitness accounts, gripping dramatizations and in-depth interviews with historians and religious leaders provide a portrait of a nation that's endured hostile prophecies, threats and attack, yet is sustained by the will of its people -- and the might of its army.

**American Experience: Jesse James**

2005 NR 60 minutes

In this Michael Murphy-narrated documentary, legendary outlaw Jesse James emerges not as a dashing hero but as a vicious criminal. The man who once said "If we are going to be wicked, we might as well make a good job of it" shows just how wicked he can be as he applies the guerrilla skills he learned as a Confederate soldier to the much more profitable pursuit of robbing banks, stagecoaches and railroads in this PBS presentation.

**The Incas Remembered**

1986 NR 54 minutes

Before the fateful arrival of armed Spanish conquistadors in the 16th century, the Incas ruled half of South America, overseeing a vast empire that stretched from Ecuador to Chile. In this fascinating documentary, filmmaker Lucy Jarvis outlines the lost civilization's
impressive roster of accomplishments, from important advancements in engineering and agriculture to pioneering feats in medicine -- including brain surgery.

**Steam Around the World: The Latin American Archives**

2006 NR 68 minutes

American railroad enthusiast Harry P. Dodge turns his camera to the great railways of Latin America. Train aficionados should hop aboard to marvel at Dodge's lovingly captured 16 mm footage of Brazil's Leopoldina Railway, the Serra Inclines, the British locomotives of Argentina and the Antofagasta and Bolivia Railway. Other stops include Southern and Central Peru, as well as the railway wonders of El Salvador and Mexico.

**Exploring the Da Vinci Code**

2005 NR 120 minutes

Many of the controversial theories found in Michael Baigent, Richard Leigh and Henry Lincoln's book *Holy Blood, Holy Grail* formed the foundation of Dan Brown's blockbuster novel *The Da Vinci Code*. In this thought-provoking documentary, Lincoln serves as your personal guide through the French countryside and the mysteries it holds, from the isolated streets of Rennes-le-Château to the supposed secrets of Bérenger Saunière.

**America on the Move: 1876 - 2000**

2003 NR 90 minutes

The National Museum of American History's extraordinary exhibition "America on the Move: 1876-2000," observing the large role transportation has played in influencing the United States as a society, is highlighted in these two documentaries from the History Channel. "America on the Move" takes viewers on a tour of the exhibit, while "Henry Ford: Tin Lizzy Tycoon" offers a retrospective of automobile pioneer Henry Ford's life.

**The Fall of Berlin**

1945 NR 75 minutes

This compelling World War II documentary showcases the unforgettable events that led to the downfall of Berlin, the all-important capital of Hitler's Third Reich. From the American troops' critical bridgehead on the Elbe River to the Russian army's devastating attack along the Oder River, the large-scale German surrender became increasingly inevitable -- and the hapless city was soon divided among the victors.

**Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?**

1975 NR 111 minutes

Through a composite of period newsreels and Hollywood films (which often mirrored situations of the day), this documentary film brings to life one the most wrenching periods in American history, the Great Depression of the 1930s. From the crash of Wall Street to the attack at Pearl Harbor, this 1975-produced film from director Philippe Mora serves as an evocative scrapbook of a time never to be forgotten.
Caroline Kennedy: The Next Generation

2008 NR 50 minutes

Despite being born into American royalty, Caroline Kennedy experienced more than her fair share of tragedy. Yet, the eldest child of John F. Kennedy went on to embrace her family's values and continue the legacy begun generations before. This chapter in the series profiling Kennedy family members puts the spotlight on Caroline and her accomplishments as a successful author, political adviser and president of the Kennedy Library Foundation.

JFK: From the Solomon Islands to the Bay of Pigs

2009 NR 184 minutes

Arguably one of the most famous figures in 20th-century U.S. politics, John F. Kennedy captured the imagination of America. This comprehensive profile traces the highs and lows of his brief but influential career. From his call to service to the historic debates against Richard Nixon and the most dramatic early moments of his presidency -- including the Bay of Pigs -- the program offers an inside look at the political powerhouse known as JFK.

The End

(The End: British Gangsters)

2008 NR 80 minutes

Take a close, hard look at the seedy underbelly of London's East End in the post-World War II era in this unflinching documentary, which profiles a violent group of local gangsters who openly discuss their shocking exploits and unique code of honor. With surprising candor, this intriguing look at criminal life explores how the neighborhood's aggressive and confrontational culture spawned so many lawbreakers.

USS Bowfin: Pearl Harbor Avenger

2006 NR 50 minutes

This riveting documentary explores the history of the legendary submarine USS Bowfin, bringing its exciting story to life through a tour of the renowned vessel and interviews with men who served aboard the sub. The Bowfin, which has been restored and is now berthed in Pearl Harbor, faced a sophisticated Japanese antisubmarine operation while making patrol runs during World War II, aiding Filipino guerillas and rescuing downed pilots.

Attack of the 80s

2007 NR 115 minutes

Pull on your legwarmers, stick in those hot rollers and prepare for a nostalgic look back at the cinema of the 1980s -- an era of power suits, Jazzercise and some of the best (and worst) movies of all time. This comprehensive collection of 50 theatrical trailers runs the gamut from the realism of The Big Chill (1983) to the ridiculousness of Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome (1985) … and everything in between.

Ancient Mysteries: Guardian of the Ages: The Great Sphinx
While the Great Sphinx of Giza is one of the world's most recognized ancient wonders, so much about this puzzling half-man, half-beast sculpture remains a riddle. Using the magic of computer animation to re-create what the Sphinx originally looked like before the desert sands wore down its massive features, this installment of "Ancient Mysteries' also posits a few theories about whose face might be carved on its looming head.

Silent Wings: The American Glider Pilots of WWII

American glider pilots played an important but little-known role in World War II: This fascinating documentary traces the history and contributions of these daring heroes who risked their lives to supply soldiers behind enemy lines with food, medical supplies and other necessities. Narrated by Hal Holbrook, the program features rare archival footage and interviews with experts including Walter Cronkite and glider pilot Leo Cordier.

Earp Brothers: Lawmen of the West

There were six of them in all -- Wyatt, Warren, Newton, James, Morgan and Virgil -- but the Earp brothers left a collective legend that loomed as large as 100 men. Tracing their roots from their Illinois birthplace to the Old West towns of Leadsville, Dodge City and Tombstone, this installment of A&E's "Biography" series asks whether the Earps truly used their badges to uphold the law -- or merely to rise above it.

USS Midway

A visit to the famed aircraft carrier USS Midway and interviews with men who served aboard it bring the exciting story of the vessel to life in this dramatic documentary. In service for 47 years, the Midway saw heavy action during the Vietnam War, and its hair-raising missions to rescue downed pilots were legendary. After Vietnam, the Midway, now berthed in San Diego, participated in numerous operations, including the Gulf War.

Harry S. Truman: The 33rd President

The presidency of Harry S. Truman -- the man who made phrases such as "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen" part of the American lexicon -- comes to life in this collection of his most important speeches. Selections include his first speech before Congress and his acceptance of Japan's surrender in 1945; his dismissal of Gen. Douglas MacArthur in 1951; and his farewell to the nation in 1953.

Nelson Rockefeller: Passionate Millionaire: Biography

Explore the life of politician, philanthropist and businessman Nelson Rockefeller, who overcame dyslexia to graduate Phi Beta Kappa from Dartmouth before entering the family businesses. He served as an assistant secretary of state during World War II, was elected
The governor of New York in 1956 and in 1974, was appointed vice president by Gerald Ford. And in both the public and private arenas, Rockefeller never failed to leave his mark.

**The Great Ships: The Pirate Ships**

2005 NR 50 minutes

Take a step back in history and relive the terror of spotting a skull-and-crossbones flag with this fascinating look at the treacherous pirate ships that haunted the high seas in the late 17th and early 18th centuries. Sneaky, speedy and deathly dangerous, these vessels ruined the careers and lives of many law-abiding sailors. The renegades who manned them lived outside the law, thriving on the adventure and rebellion of the pirate lifestyle.

**Elizabeth**

2000 NR 2 discs

From Shakespeare to the Spanish Armada, the reign of Queen Elizabeth I embraced some of the most important events and personalities in British history. This documentary, hosted by world-renowned historian David Starkey, explores the life and rule of the woman who gave name to an era. A compelling blend of dramatic re-creations and incisive commentary brings alive the Virgin Queen's monumental -- and fascinating -- legacy.

**Kz**

2006 NR 98 minutes

Today, Mauthausen is a picture-postcard Austrian town and a mecca for tourists. But during World War II, it was home to a Nazi concentration camp, or a "KZ." This documentary follows visitors to the Mauthausen memorial as they learn of the atrocities. Eschewing historic footage in favor of contemporary interviews with guests and eyewitnesses, the film highlights the uneasy balance between a dark past and a present day that cannot escape it.

**Ayatollah Khomeini: Holy Terror**

1997 NR 46 minutes

Delving into once-sealed CIA archives, this installment of A&E's "Declassified" series outlines the forces that propelled Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini to power and his influence on the course of history. As the political and spiritual leader of the 1979 Iranian revolution, Khomeini oversaw the takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and the capture of 52 hostages, launching an unprecedented reign of terror against the West in the name of Islam.

**Ancient Mysteries: Ancient Rome and Its Mysterious Cities**

2006 NR 50 minutes

Through re-creations, computer animation and interviews with historians, this illuminating episode of A&E's "Ancient Mysteries" examines the intricate archaeology of the Romans' ancient settlements. They came, they saw, they conquered ... and each time they did, the Romans left another fortified city in their wake. But how did their towns survive the test of time when so many others -- built by the Greeks and the Etruscans -- did not?
Gerald R. Ford: Healing the Presidency

1997 NR 50 minutes

Dubbed "the Accidental President" because he never sought the country's highest honor, Gerald R. Ford had the formidable task of restoring faith in the American presidency in the wake of Richard Nixon's resignation. Combining interviews with Ford's cabinet members and archival footage from his days in office, this episode of "Biography" reveals a man whose steady hand and crucial policy of open government helped reassure a doubtful nation.

The Secrets of Genghis Khan

2003 NR 91 minutes

Legend holds that Genghis Khan was buried with untold wealth: gold and silver, priceless art and other plundered treasure. Follow historian Maury Kravitz and a team of archaeologists on a perilous journey to find Khan's final resting place. Narrowly avoiding deadly vipers, an outbreak of anthrax and political double-dealing on their quest through Mongolia, the group digs up a fascinating and controversial find.

Jerusalem, the Covenant City

2002 NR 114 minutes

Welcome to the only city on Earth with an everlasting destiny: Jerusalem, the Covenant City. In this superbly produced, two-part documentary, you'll trace the holy city's prophetic history and explore what the Bible professes regarding Jerusalem's fate. As the world heads into the Christian Era's third millennium, could the future rest on what happens in the ancient settlement -- and in the rest of Israel?

Hermitage Masterpieces

2004 NR 3 discs

Once off-limits to the Western world, Russia's Hermitage Museum houses works by many masters (including Michelangelo, Rubens and Picasso) and ancient art from around the world. This film not only showcases the museum's important works, it offers an art history lesson and reveals the Hermitage's fascinating background. From Catherine the Great's Egyptian collection to Rasputin's breakdown in front of a Manet, you'll discover priceless treasures.

Combat America: The Fight to Win WWII

2005 NR 4 discs

Dramatic and action-packed, this set of documentaries traces America's involvement in World War II, from the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor to the defeat of the Axis powers. Learn about the effects of war on Americans back home as well as on soldiers abroad; experience bomb raids and the D-Day invasion; and discover the courage, commitment and sacrifice of the men and women of the U.S. military, whose dedication helped lead to Allied victory.

Deep Sea Detectives: Pearl Harbor's Revenge

2004 NR 40 minutes
Dive deep into the ocean and explore the 1944 sinking of the Japanese submarine *Shinohara*, which plunged to the bottom of Truk Lagoon in Micronesia to avoid American bombers and never rose to the surface again. Using cutting-edge technology, the underwater investigators in this fascinating History Channel series try to uncover hidden evidence about the shipwreck and determine why 100 bodies were found in a vessel that had a crew of 70.

**Air War: Britain**

2008 NR 90 minutes

Return to the early years of World War II, when the Luftwaffe dominated the skies of Europe and tried, night after night, to deliver a knockout blow to England in this documentary featuring extensive original footage from the Battle of Britain. Military historians and surviving pilots explain how the courageous RAF managed to hold off the Nazis. Also included is a rare German educational film instructing civilians how to react during an air raid.

**Pancho Villa: Outlaw Hero**

1997 NR 50 minutes

Bandit, soldier, general and politician, Pancho Villa led a life that ended in violence but left him a legend. A notorious outlaw, he rose to the rank of general during the Mexican Revolution, became governor of Chihuahua and eventually led the first raid of a foreign force onto U.S. soil since the war of 1812. Find out the facts and folklore surrounding the rebel leader via extensive archival material and interviews with leading historians.

**The Wall: A World Divided**

2010 NR 55 minutes

With insights from political leaders like George H.W. Bush, Mikhail Gorbachev and Condoleezza Rice, explore the origins and demise of the notorious Berlin Wall, the structure's affect on ordinary German lives and the peaceful end to the Cold War. Full of detailed information, this historical PBS documentary explains the stark differences between East and West Germany and their process of reunification.

**Biography: Robert E. Lee**

1995 NR 50 minutes

Robert E. Lee's brilliance single-handedly kept the Confederacy in the Civil War long after its army should have been forced to surrender. Second in his class at West Point, Lee rose to the rank of colonel by the outbreak of the War Between the States. Choosing loyalty to his home state, Virginia, over his nation, the skilled tactician waged brilliant campaigns, whose stratagems are still studied in military academies worldwide.

**In Search of History: The Aztec Empire**

2005 NR 50 minutes

Join leading scholars as they chart the Aztec empire's rise and fall in this authoritative profile of one of the world's most intriguing civilizations. The program examines how the society eventually dominated ancient America and how the Spanish vanquished the mighty Aztecs in a matter of months. Aztec influences on contemporary Mexico are discussed, and exciting new discoveries are revealed at the Great Temple of Tenochtitlán excavation site.
The War Zone: Special Forces

2002 NR 55 minutes

Trained in unconventional warfare, foreign languages, a range of technical skills and so much more, America's special forces serve a chief role in the military, yet little is known about these courageous groups. This documentary chronicles the history of America's elite military units, including the venerated Green Berets, and explores the myths and legends that surround this mysterious faction of the armed forces.

Golub: Late Works are the Catastrophes

2004 NR 82 minutes

This thought-provoking portrait of American artist Leon Golub -- a painter known for his expressive human-centric works -- follows the arc of his career from the 1970s to the present. Covering a time span that stretches from 1985 until the artist's death in 2004, the film also captures Golub's musings on his own prophetic paintings, which took on a haunting new significance in the wake of Sept. 11, 2001.

ABC News Presents: The Search for Paul

2004 NR 120 minutes

Millions of people the world over look to Christianity for guidance and healing, and the Bible, the source by which they're educated, has come to transcend text, entering a realm of something much more powerful and important. Such blind devotion to the Bible and its teachings were not always commonplace, as Peter Jennings explores in this documentary about early Christianity and the effects Jesus and, in particular, Paul had on the religion.

Apollo 11: Men on the Moon

(Part of the Spacecraft Films series)

2003 NR 3 discs

America's "one giant leap for mankind" -- the Apollo 11 lunar mission -- is chronicled from launch to landing via comprehensive footage of the landmark event. Features all TV transmissions, all 16mm on-board film, multi-angle views of the launch and the lunar landing. Bonus features for this installment of Fox's Spacecraft Film series include the launch vehicle build, crew suit-up, recovery and extra TV feeds including on-board audio.

ABC News Presents: Jesus, Mary and Da Vinci

2004 NR 55 minutes

Dan Brown's popular novel The Da Vinci Code has shot to the top of the sales charts, propelled by the several controversial questions it poses. The book exposes a seemingly fine line between truth and narrative, questioning even the most standard Christian beliefs as told in the Bible. ABC News correspondent Elizabeth Vargas travels the world to determine whether The Da Vinci Code is mere fiction or possibly much more.
History's Mysteries: The Shroud of Turin

2000 NR 50 minutes

Literally and figuratively enveloped in mystery, the Shroud of Turin has ignited debate since it was discovered in the 1300s. This History Channel documentary examines the shroud's history and its significance to modern Christians. Bearing a faint imprint of a man believed to have been Jesus Christ -- and the wounds inflicted on him when he was crucified -- the garment may be the most important piece of textile in existence, if it's authentic.

The Unknown Jesus

1999 NR 100 minutes

A&E's long-running "Ancient Mysteries" series dares to investigate the phenomenon of Jesus Christ. Who was he, and what was he like? Most importantly, did he really exist? Using history as a base, the filmmakers examine whether the facts, as they see them, support believers' assertion that Jesus walked the Earth. The inquiry begins with the name Christ (from the Greek word for savior) and considers evidence from leading scholars as well as ancient texts.

Heart of Darkness: The Vietnam War Chronicles: 1945-1975

2006 NR 3 discs

Through rare footage and exclusive interviews, this comprehensive seven-part series explores the history of the Vietnam War, the longest military conflict in U.S. history, tracing the conflict's roots from 1945 to 1975. Episodes explore the defeat of the French Legionnaires, America's involvement and the turning tide of public opinion that prompted the eventual withdrawal of all troops from the region.

The War Machines of WWII

2003 G 10 discs

World War II aficionados can go behind the front lines of both sides of the conflict with this 10-part program that offers a detailed look at the inner workings of the American and German war machines. Learn the individual strategies that pushed each force ever forward on their quests to emerge victorious; compare the differences in their methods and motivations; and relive the drama of an important chapter in world history.

In Search of History: Scourge of the Black Death

2005 NR 50 minutes

In an age when medicine is making amazing gains, could a new disease as deadly as the plague reappear? This comprehensive History Channel documentary explores the possibility of just such an occurrence. The program traces the black death's still-murky origins; its devastating spread across Egypt, Asia Minor and eventually Europe; and the scourge's lasting consequences. In addition, scientists discuss the most recent breakthroughs in the fight to prevent a pandemic.

The Mighty Saturns: Saturn I and IB

(Part of the Spacecraft Films series)
Give America's new breed of launch vehicles the once-over via comprehensive footage of the Saturn program. This installment of Fox's Spacecraft Film Series features exceptional, never-before-seen footage of the development, preparation and launch of the first Saturn rockets. Bonus materials include, among other features, a 43-minute original program featuring exclusive interviews with key figures in the development of the Saturn rocket program.

**Project Gemini: A Bold Leap Forward**

(Part of the Spacecraft Films series)

America's bold new space program is the focus here with comprehensive footage of Project Gemini -- much of it never seen before by the public! This installment of Fox's Spacecraft Film series features on-board footage, multi-angle coverage of every Gemini launch and post-flight commentary by the Gemini astronauts on their experiences working in space.

**Building the Great Pyramid**

2002 NR 70 minutes

In this riveting BBC documentary, scientists, archaeologists and engineers take you back to the time when the great pyramids of Egypt were constructed. Considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the pyramids still stand today.

**Portrait of Courage: The Untold Story of Flight 93**

2006 NR 120 minutes

On Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four planes, but one failed to hit its intended target: United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in a Pennsylvania field after passengers stormed the cockpit. This film is a tribute to the heroes of Flight 93. A group of seemingly ordinary people displayed extraordinary courage and selflessness that fateful day by taking matters into their own hands and refusing to knuckle under to terrorism.

**The Mysteries of Egypt: Ancient Egypt**

2001 NR 50 minutes

Developing over the course of thousands of years, the ancient Egyptian civilization contributed countless cultural and technological advancements to the world. Trace Egypt's sociopolitical history from the formation of its first dynasty to its conquest by Alexander the Great. Location footage, filmed reconstructions, ancient artifacts and expert commentary bring the mysteries of the ancient world into sharp relief.

**The Mysteries of Egypt: The Pharaohs**

1998 NR 50 minutes

Discover the rich history of ancient Egypt through the rulers who guided the kingdom for many centuries and helped to change the world forever. From the exploits of boy-king Tutankhamen to the reign of Ramesses II, this program offers a glimpse into the lives of
these ancient royals. Period reconstructions, expert commentary and the exploration of tombs, artifacts and hieroglyphics help to decipher the mysteries of this important civilization.

The Legions of Rome: Punic Wars

2006 NR 50 minutes

During the Punic Wars between Rome and Carthage, Hannibal cemented his spot as one of history's most respected military commanders by repeatedly defeating the Romans and by marching his army over the Alps. By the end of the final war, however, Rome conquered Carthage and became the most powerful state in the region. Through period reconstructions and authentic battle reenactments, this program brings the ancient conflict to vivid life.

Wings: Evolution of Air Power

2002 NR 128 minutes

Achievements in aircraft design are explored in this Discovery Channel three-parter, which looks at aviation history as well as the use of planes in warfare and in air shows. "Planes: The Ultimate Guide" traces the evolution of aircraft design in the 20th century. "Wings Over Afghanistan" shows aircraft employed by U.S. forces in Afghanistan. And "Thunderbirds" celebrates the derring-do of the Air Force team that dazzles millions at air shows.

From One Rose

2007 NR 94 minutes

The stately, generations-old traditions of the Portland Rose Festival serve as a lens through which this lyrical documentary examines the history and sense of community that pervade the friendly Oregon metropolis, known as the City of Roses. Following a fictional family through the trials of world wars, floods and other turbulent times, the film reveals how the Rose Festival has been a touchstone for the city since 1907.

Real Heroes: Inspirational Stories of Giving

2007 NR 60 minutes

This engaging program re-creates the first Thanksgiving, explores the history of the holiday and shares poignant true tales of contemporary American heroes who embody the spirit of giving. Soldiers stationed overseas discuss what Thanksgiving means to them, Hurricane Katrina victims celebrate their blessings despite their hardships, a former gang member turns his life around and helps others in need, and more.

Churchill

2002 NR 90 minutes

A statesman who had an unerring way of communicating with aristocrats and common folk alike, Sir Winston Churchill was a great writer and brilliant orator who firmly guided his country through the dark years of World War II, when England stood alone. This documentary -- which makes full use of Churchill's famous speeches -- presents a vivid portrait of one of the truly great men of history.
**Bombers & Bombing Raids: 1939-1942**

2005 NR 54 minutes

Germany's Luftwaffe fighter squadrons proved a challenging enemy with their well-designed aircraft, which included the Heinkel He-111, Dornier D0-17 and Junkers JU-88 Schnellbombers. Featuring dramatic footage, this documentary chronicles battles from the years 1939-42, focusing on combat involving the Luftwaffe bomber squadrons. Bombing raids from North Africa to northern Norway and the Battle of Stalingrad are examined.

**The War Zone: The Rhine to Victory**

2007 NR 55 minutes

Squeezed by Allied forces from all sides, the German Reich found itself in a weakened position and facing its final retreat. Using newsreel footage and interviews, this documentary traces the events leading to the end of World War II. As Russian, British and American troops pounded the Germans with incessant bombings and attacks on land, they eventually forced a Nazi surrender, touching off jubilant celebrations around the world.

**The War Zone: Paris to the Rhine**

2007 NR 55 minutes

As France celebrated its newfound freedom, the countries still under Nazi control continued to face grim circumstances during the fall and winter of 1944 and 1945. This fascinating documentary traces the military actions of that World War II season. Newsreel footage and interviews bring the events to vivid life as Allied invasion forces squeezed the weakening German Reich, closing in from Italy, France, Russia, Belgium and Holland.

**The War Zone: D-Day to Paris**

2007 NR 50 minutes

The summer of 1944 saw the largest sea and air invasion in the history of warfare as Operation Overlord took place in northwest Europe. Using newsreel footage and interviews, this documentary traces the events of the massive World War II offensive. Numbering more than half a million, Allied air and seafaring troops stormed Normandy, then moved across the land, gaining strength until they eventually crossed the Seine.

**History of World War II: US Air Force**

1942 NR 52 minutes

This compelling video offers a firsthand account of how the mighty B-17 Flying Fortress and the B-29 Super Fortress gave the U.S. Air Force an undeniable edge over the enemy and brought an end to the bloody six-year war that left millions dead. Live footage of aerial attacks on Germany and other sectors where the U.S Air Force was at the forefront of battle gives testament to America's supremacy in the skies.

**History of World War II: Europe Invaded**

1943 NR 57 minutes
This fascinating documentary traces the fearsome rise of Adolf Hitler in Europe and his persistent march through the continent to spread his message of hate, prejudice and menace. War became inevitable with the German invasion of Poland in 1939, dubbed the Blitzkrieg, which was soon followed by the Sitzkrieg, allowing Hitler’s troops to strengthen, stockpile ammunitions and, ultimately, gain tactical superiority.

**History of World War II: The Japanese Paranoia**

1943 NR 62 minutes

Examine the psyche behind Japan's relentless pursuit of global annexation and America's rationale behind the use of the atom bomb with this engrossing documentary that offers insight into the lifestyle and mind-set of the Japanese people. Featuring footage of Japanese citizens gearing up for war in the years before the attack on Pearl Harbor, this historical examination depicts a nation devoted to the emperor and to one ambition: world conquest.

**America's Godly Heritage: Wallbuilders**

1995 NR 59 minutes

America's Founding Fathers and their views on Christianity and public policy are examined in this video. The beliefs of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams and other founding fathers concerning the role of Christian principles in education and government are presented, accompanied by historical American artwork. Also included are court case excerpts (spanning 160 years) in which Christian principles are tied to public policy.

**Great Decisions 2007**

2007 NR 2 discs

World leaders and experts discuss some of the most pressing issues facing the international community in this collection of eight episodes from the fascinating Great Decisions series, produced by the Foreign Policy Association. The shows tackle such complicated topics as the Middle East, climate change, U.S.-Mexico relations, migration, South Africa after apartheid, war crimes and justice, Central Asia and children's rights in the global economy.

**Gettysburg: Three Days of Destiny**

2004 NR 90 minutes

To commemorate the 140th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, 15,000 Civil War buffs got together on the very fields where the battle took place for a spectacular reenactment of epic proportions. Director Robert Child was there to capture the colossal occasion on film, as were actors James Choate and Patrick Falci, who helped re-create the many intricate battle scenes.

**Forever '50s**

2003 NR 3 discs

America in the “Fabulous '50s” is showcased in this special collection of newsreels, short subjects and movie trailers that take you back to the days of drive-ins and sock hops. Supplementing this entertaining compilation are plenty of iconic visuals from the ‘50s -- including Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, Princess Grace, Sputnik, the Edsel and more.
American Experience: Kit Carson

2007 NR 90 minutes

Legendary and controversial trapper, guide and Wild West explorer Kit Carson is the focus of this compelling documentary that follows his life from childhood in Missouri to his days living among Native Americans and his career as an Army scout. Featuring interviews with historians and authors and historical reenactments, the unforgettable film reveals how the man became the myth -- as well as the contradictory nature of his legacy.

Brother Against Brother: The English Civil War

2001 NR 50 minutes

Raging from 1642 to 1651, the English Civil War pitted the Royalists against the Parliamentarians and divided family loyalties along religious and political lines. Through dramatized eyewitness accounts, historic images and reenactments of key battles, this documentary explores the turmoil that engulfed England. Expert commentary explains the complex military and political maneuverings that set the course of British history for centuries to come.

Brother Against Brother: The Spanish Civil War

2001 NR 50 minutes

Raging from 1936 to 1939, the Spanish Civil War was a bloody conflict that divided families, pitting the conservative Nationalists against the socialist Republicans. Through dramatized eyewitness accounts and historic footage, this documentary explores the turmoil that engulfed Spain. Expert commentary explains the complex military and political maneuverings that helped prime Europe for the coming of World War II.

White Thunder

2004 NR 52 minutes

Director Victoria King helms this documentary about the fateful 1931 voyage of the S.S. Viking, which sailed from Newfoundland with plans to film (aboard the ship) the final scenes of a lavish Hollywood picture about Newfoundland sealers. Sadly, an explosion on the vessel took the lives of the filmmaker, Varick Frissell, and 26 others. King delves into the tragedy in this affecting film, also taking time to cover Frissell's enduring life story.

P.O.V.: The Judge & the General

2008 NR 83 minutes

The odyssey of Chilean judge Juan Guzmán, who in 1998 began investigating a human rights abuse case against Chile's former dictator, General Augusto Pinochet, is chronicled in this gripping documentary. As he uncovers the disturbing truth about secret detention camps and government-sanctioned murders, Guzmán reflects on how the privileged in Chile's society closed their eyes to the brutality that marked Pinochet's rule.

Islam vs. Islamists / Muslims Against Jihad

2007 NR 2 discs
From Western Europe to North America, anti-Islamist Muslim moderates face persecution and intimidation from Islamist extremists. This documentary chronicles these moderates' struggles to avoid being ostracized and bankrupted by extremist foes. Originally produced for the PBS series "America at a Crossroads," the film was not well-received by PBS and was instead picked up and broadcast by the Fox News Channel.

Blue vs. Gray: Killing Fields
2002 NR 129 minutes

In the spring of 1864, during the Civil War, thousands of soldiers began a battle that would take more American lives than the Vietnam War. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant had taken control of the Union army and began his assault on Gen. Robert E. Lee's Confederate soldiers. Through reenactments, this documentary re-creates the historic conflict in vivid detail and offers insight into the soldiers' lives through personal letters and photographs.

National Geographic: Pearl Harbor: Legacy of Attack
2001 TV-PG 90 minutes

Narrated by Tom Brokaw, this feature-length documentary from National Geographic delves into the untold storylines and unresolved mysteries surrounding the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Oceanographer Robert Ballard dives deep into the waters of the harbor to find the remains of a Japanese sub and closely examine the famous wreckage of the USS Arizona. This footage is mixed with interviews with survivors of the attack.

D-Day: The Normandy Invasion
2007 NR 60 minutes

Focusing on both the strategic overview of the military invasion and on personal stories of heroism, this documentary delves into the events of June 6, 1944, and the Normandy invasion. Taking the Germans by surprise, Allied soldiers marched onto France's shores and began the assault that ultimately ended World War II. Stories include the Allied landing at Omaha Beach, French liberation celebrations, valor at Pointe du Hoc and much more.

WWII: Battlefront
2001 NR 5 discs

The heroic efforts and life-threatening struggles of the combatants in one of the most devastating wars in history are revealed in this stunning documentary. Color footage pulled from newsreels and never-before-seen film documents the war as it was fought below the sea, in the air and on the front lines. Each of the episodes in the collection presents a different battle fought in the Atlantic or Pacific theatre.

JFK: The Day the Nation Cried
1989 NR 52 minutes

When President John F. Kennedy died from an assassin's bullet on November 22, 1963, the entire nation stopped to mourn the beloved leader. This documentary, hosted by James Earl Jones, seams together archival footage, newsreels and interviews with such luminaries as Gerald Ford and Coretta Scott King to re-create the events of that fateful day.
National Geographic: Civil War Gold

2004 TV-PG 56 minutes

In 1865, a fierce hurricane sank the SS Republic, a steamship carrying a fortune in gold and silver. National Geographic tags along as deep-sea excavators and explorers uncover the mysteries of the vessel from its watery grave in the Atlantic. Along the way, artifacts from the ship and its cargo provide historical insight into the post-war South -- and reveal a more intimate history of the unfortunate passengers and crew.

National Geographic: Dawn of the Maya

2004 TV-PG 56 minutes

With little evidence to illuminate its history, preclassice Maya civilization was long thought to be a primitive culture. But new archaeological findings reveal that the ancient Maya were in fact an advanced and sophisticated people. National Geographic treks through the jungles of Guatemala to reveal discoveries about this great civilization, which produced elaborate art, developed an early writing system and built immense pyramids.

Women's Achievement in America

2006 G 4 discs

With accomplishments ranging from social activism and politics to the arts and education, women have played an indispensable role in shaping the United States. This comprehensive program explores 400 years of women's achievements in every area of American life. Profiles include Abigail Adams, Sacagawea, Emily Dickinson, Harriet Tubman, Margaret Mead, Eleanor Roosevelt, Rosa Parks, Sandra Day O'Connor, Madeleine Albright and many more.

Mysteries of the Ancient World

1993 NR 90 minutes

Join host Darrin McGavin for an intriguing investigation into some of history's most enduring mysteries. Delve into the questions surrounding the builders of the ancient pyramids of Giza and their construction techniques that still confound modern experts. Journey to the Bermuda Triangle to explore the region where hundreds of vessels have disappeared. And unlock secrets of the Shroud of Turin and famed prophet Nostradamus.

The Old Quarry: And Other Haunted Places of Central New York

2006 NR 45 minutes

The state of New York is rife with ghosts and other spirits, at least according to this video tour of some of the state's most haunted sites. The supernatural tour starts at the abandoned Split Rock Quarry in Syracuse, the site of a terrible explosion at a TNT factory. It moves on to two spooky castles in central New York and culminates at Fort Ontario (on the shores of Lake Ontario), which boasts two centuries' worth of documented ghost stories.

Secrets of the Cross
2008 NR 4 discs

Drawing on the insights of a collection of noted biblical scholars, historians and archeologists, this multipart series - originally aired on National Geographic - delves into some of the bible's more confounding and controversial mysteries. Highlights include an examination of the rise and fall of the Knights Templar, the secrecy surrounding the life of Mary Magdalene and the debate over the tomb of Jesus Christ.

**History's Greatest Secrets**

1992 NR 90 minutes

As your guide on this thought-provoking journey, William Devane is out to prove that many of history's most controversial "stories" are more than myths. Did a group of rabbis actually locate the Ark of the Covenant? Did fire and brimstone really pour from the sky when the Tower of Babel was destroyed? And what have archaeologists discovered about the infamous Sodom and Gomorrah? All these questions are answered in this intriguing investigation.

**Clive Cussler: The Sea Hunters: Set 2**

2001 NR 2 discs

Novelist Clive Cussler and marine archaeologist James Delgado are your hosts for this seafaring documentary series that blends drama and history. In this collection, the sea hunters search for the *RMS Carpathia*, the fishing boat *Andrea Gail* (immortalized in the film *The Perfect Storm*) and the Civil War's *SS Alabama*. Besides seeing spectacular shots of the scuttled ships, viewers will learn each vessel's historical background.

**Things We've Made**

2004 NR 90 minutes

This quirky documentary celebrates Pittsburgh by exploring a surprising array of goods whose roots lie in the Pennsylvania blue-collar steel town, such as Iron City Beer, All-Clad cookware and rye whiskey. Also featured are perennial local favorites Betsy Ann chocolates and Jensen steam engines, as well as national corporations that boast significant Pittsburgh operations, such as Heinz foods and Westinghouse.

**World War 1: American Legacy**

2006 NR 112 minutes

Filmmaker Mark Bussler's documentary tells the forgotten tales of American men and women who made bold sacrifices and bravely served in the Great War. Bussler traces the contributions of pilots, soldiers and ambulance drivers as well as the unique stories of African-American soldiers and female volunteers. He also explores the role of writers -- including e.e. cummings and Ernest Hemingway -- who turned the tragedy of war into literary classics.

**Broken Silence**

2002 NR 283 minutes
Presented by Steven Spielberg and the Shoah Visual History Foundation, this series of five historical films about human courage, heroism and triumph during World War II includes gripping testaments given by survivors of the Holocaust. The films were produced by Academy Award winner James Moll and directed by filmmakers from Argentina, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary and Russia.

**Blood and Oil: The Middle East in World War I**

2006 NR 112 minutes

The events of World War I that laid the groundwork for today's conflicts in the Middle East are detailed in this fascinating history. After the 1918 demise of the Ottoman Empire, the Treaty of Versailles paved the way for political instability in the region. At the same time, Western powers took note of the area's rich oil reserves, initiating a campaign of economic, diplomatic and military intrusion that continues to this day.

**The Genocide Factor: Genocide from Biblical Times Through the Ages**

2008 NR 57 minutes

Director Robert J. Emery explores the roots of genocide, touching on the earliest records of systematic massacres known to man, from the Athenian siege of Milos in 416 B.C. to the extermination of the Herero tribe at the hands of the Germans in 1904. Hosted by Oscar winner Jon Voight, this entry from the acclaimed series features insight from noted guests such as Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel and William Schulz, director of Amnesty International.

**Secrets of the Vatican Collection**

2007 NR 5 discs

Go behind the walls of the Vatican -- the world's smallest city-state -- with this in-depth documentary that traces the unique political and religious history of the seat of the Roman Catholic Church. The program tours St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel, visits the Vatican's museums, describes the pope's responsibilities and immense influence, and details the complex process of papal succession.

**Hitler's Bodyguard**

2008 NR 4 discs

Despite ordering the death of millions, Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler managed to survive more than 40 attempts on his own life. Using both re-enactments and first-person accounts, this documentary series details the many plots launched against Hitler. Computer-generated graphics, classified documents and archival film footage of the Führer's various strongholds help detail the elaborate security measures used to protect the German leader.

**The Genocide Factor: Genocide in the First Half of the 20th Century**

2008 NR 57 minutes

This entry of the acclaimed PBS documentary series explores the history of "state-sanctioned" atrocities, such as the Ukrainian famine, the rape of Nanking and the Jewish holocaust. Iris Chang, author of *The Rape of Nanking*, Yehuda Bauer, director of the Yad Vashem International Institute for Holocaust Research and Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel are among the noted guests interviewed.
Days of Majesty

1993 NR 103 minutes

From Queen Elizabeth II's coronation in 1953 to The Ceremony of the Keys at the famed Tower of London, this fascinating documentary captures the British monarchy's grandeur and history. The pomp and pageantry of the royal family and Britain's oldest celebrations are covered in depth, including Trooping the Colour and behind-the-scenes footage of painstaking preparations for a 41-gun salute at Hyde Park.

Hijacked: American Experience

2005 NR 60 minutes

When members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine hijacked five commercial airplanes in September 1970 and ultimately blew up four of them, it was known as "the blackest day in aviation history." Through interviews with the militants, journalists, passengers and crew, this compelling installment of the "American Experience" series examines the social and political conditions in the Middle East that helped ignite this tragedy.

Joshua Slocum: Life & Epic Journey

2007 NR 50 minutes

Following a stellar career that found him commanding some of the world's finest ships, Joshua Slocum embarked on journey far different from any he'd ever taken before, setting out to become the first person to single-handedly sail around the world. Explore the fascinating life of this seaman adventurer with this award-winning documentary that chronicles everything from his childhood in Nova Scotia to his mysterious disappearance in 1909.

The War Zone: Hitler's Secret Weapons

2008 NR 53 minutes

In this installment of "The War Zone" series, Allied forces band together against two of the deadliest weapons in Hitler's arsenal. The V1 was the world's first cruise missile; the V2 was a ballistic missile that could break the sound barrier. Archival footage, interviews and voice-over narration combine to demonstrate how these formidable advances in German technology demanded a tremendous response from the Allied armies.

The Genocide Factor: Never Again?: Genocide Since the Holocaust

2008 NR 57 minutes

Focusing on horrific historical chapters such as Mao's purges in China, Pol Pot's bloody reign in Cambodia and the Arab-Israeli conflict, director Robert J. Emery explores the shameful examples of genocide found in the wake of World War II. Among the guests interviewed in this entry are Dr. Ben Kiernan, genocide studies program director at Yale University and Sophal Leng Stagg, Cambodian survivor and author of Hear Me Now: Tragedy in Cambodia.

The Genocide Factor: Genocide: The Horror Continues

2008 NR 57 minutes
With this entry from the critically acclaimed PBS miniseries, director-producer Robert J. Emery explores the most contemporary examples of genocide, from the atrocities of Rwanda to the ethnic cleansings of Chechnya. Hosted by Oscar winner Jon Voight, this poignant documentary series examines the history of genocide through the ages, drawing on expertise and insights of scholars, eyewitnesses and survivors from all around the world.

**Desperate Crossing: The Untold Story of the Mayflower**

2006 NR 143 minutes

Drawing scenes and dialogue from the records of participants and eyewitnesses, this first-rate documentary meticulously re-creates the saga of the Pilgrims, from their extraordinary *Mayflower* crossing to their encounters with Native Americans. Featuring a cast of actors from the Royal Shakespeare Company, the program was filmed at Plimoth Plantation in Massachusetts and locations in England, Belgium, Maryland and Virginia.

**Battlefield Britain**

2004 NR 3 discs

Britain has long witnessed battles waged on its native soil, as documented in this fascinating series that uses computer-generated graphics to reenact actual events. Discover how the Battle of Culloden, which led to the disintegration of the Highland clan structure, unfolded; see how William III conquered James II at the Battle of the Boyne; and find out how the English Civil War ended at the Battle of Naseby.

**Sea Power**

2007 NR 2 discs

This exciting nautical series guides viewers through a fleet of fighting ships: submarines, aircraft carriers, destroyers, battleships, cruisers and more. Go below deck to discover the weaponry and technology that keep these ships strong and afloat. Coasting from yesteryear to the latest in seafaring advances, this exhaustive 13-episode series explores the majesty of naval power from bow to stern.

**The Silent Exodus**

*(Les Refuges Du Silence)*

2004 NR 60 minutes

Pierre Rehov's poignant documentary recounts the plight of those known as the "forgotten fugitives" -- more than 1 million Jews who had inhabited Arab lands for thousands of years but were forced to flee during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. Through archival footage and interviews with historians and survivors of the purge, Rehov attempts to shed light on the fugitives' displacement and the impact it had on their lives.

**Encyclopedia of the 20th Century**

2001 NR 5 discs

Narrated by documentarian Gary Tarpinian, this remarkably comprehensive compilation covers the global events of the 20th century -- from historical and political events to technological advances and breakthroughs. Topics include World War I, the San Francisco
earthquake of 1906, the opening of the first U.S. movie theater, the Wall Street Crash of 1929, Hitler's invasion of Poland, the Holocaust, the Space Race, the first test tube baby and more.

**American Justice: Quiz Show Scandal and Other Frauds**

2003 NR 50 minutes

From the so-called Quiz Show Scandal of the 1950s to a phony biography of Howard Hughes and the accomplished forgeries of a rare documents dealer, this episode of "American Justice" examines some of the most famous hoaxes in recent history. Included is an interview with Herbert Stempel, the contestant on the popular '50s TV game show "Twenty-One" whose revelations of cheating caused nearly all the game shows of the day to be taken off the air.

**Ancient Voices**

1999 NR 4 discs

Long-lost civilizations are resurrected in this spellbinding documentary series that investigates ancient worlds with the help of historians and other experts, reenactors and advanced computer technologies. Viewers embark on a search for answers to the world's eternal questions -- such as the mystery of Stonehenge and the inscrutability of the Shroud of Turin -- as they journey to places they've never seen before.

**The Canteen Spirit**

2005 NR 60 minutes

Carrying a cargo of more than 6 million World War II soldiers over four years, the army of trains that stopped at the North Platte, Neb., railroad depot found an unexpected surprise: Thousands of residents from more than 125 towns had driven miles to bring the troops sandwiches, cigarettes, magazines and moral support. This fascinating program re-creates the so-called North Platte Canteen through archival photos and participant interviews.

**American Experience: Coney Island**

2000 NR 70 minutes

From the world's first roller coaster to freak shows, amazing displays of modern machinery, hot dogs and more, "American Experience" chronicles Coney Island's rich history through newsreel footage, archival photography and interviews. This uncut version of the program also includes quote-of-the-day readings by Eli Wallach, Frances Sternhagen, George Plimpton, Judd Hirsch, Lois Smith, Vincent Gardenia, Jerry Orbach, and others.

**American Experience: Alaska Pipeline**

2006 NR 60 minutes

In 1968, oil was discovered in the Alaskan wilderness and the great pipeline project was soon under way. This documentary explores how the pipeline affected, and continues to affect, the region's environment, society and culture. One of the 20th century's most significant engineering projects, the 800-mile conduit took over three years to complete and sparked a major conservation effort to preserve Alaska's environment.
Project XX: End of the Trail

This classic episode of NBC News' "Project Twenty" series presents an early look at the travesty of the frontier settlers' inhumane treatment of Native Americans in the West. Graphic photos and first person narratives taken from diaries debunk the classic, heroic notion of the old west in favor of tragic reality. Narrated by Walter Brennan.

Disappearing World: The Kayapo Indians of the Brazilian Rainforest

Narrated by anthropologist Terry Turner, this illuminating documentary looks at the dramatic changes effecting central Brazil's Kayapo Indians as they adjust to the growing influence of modernity on their tribal culture. The confluence of the ancient and the contemporary in Kayapo daily life -- from hunting tortoises to protesting the building of a government dam to using modern electronics -- is a fascinating study in contrasts.

National Geographic: Search for the Battleship Bismarck

Join Dr. Robert Ballard and narrator Richard Kiley on this gripping underwater journey to discover the secrets of the Bismarck, a German battleship that terrorized the high seas during World War II and was finally downed by Allied firepower. Ballard, who discovered the remains of the Titanic, found the Bismarck in the eerie depths of the Atlantic Ocean, steeped in the secrets of its final destruction.

National Geographic: The Lost Fleet of Guadalcanal

Using historical footage, underwater exploration, interviews and narration by former president George Bush Sr., the acclaimed National Geographic crew and Dr. Robert Ballard (who discovered the shipwrecks of the Titanic and the Bismarck) trace the bloody 1942 battle of Guadalcanal, in which the Allies fought the Japanese and 50 ships were downed. The recently located ships are the focus of this fascinating documentary.

Warriors

Spotlighting some of history's most notable warriors, this engrossing BBC series sheds light on the legendary battles and conquests that transformed ordinary men into icons whose names would live on for centuries. Segments focus on Attila the Hun, the Japanese Shogun, Richard the Lionheart, Spanish conquistador Hernán Cortés, Napoléon Bonaparte, slave leader Spartacus, Genghis Kahn and Carthaginian military commander Hannibal.

War Zone: War in the Desert

2003 NR 2 discs
Battles fought on soil are hard enough; the ones that erupt in desert areas are even tougher to navigate, as soldiers contend not only with their counterparts on the other side but Mother Nature herself. Includes riveting segments on the Battle of El Alamein (1942), the first Gulf War (1991) and the Six Day War (1967).

**War Zone: The American Civil War: A Union Divided**

2003 NR 2 discs

In the late 19th century, the United States was halved by a mechanized battle known as the American Civil War. Learn about some of the most famous conflicts fought between the Union Army (aka the North) and the Confederates (aka the South): Gettysburg, Bull Run and the bloodiest of them all, Antietam.

**Hitler's Museum: The Secret History of Art Theft During World War II**

(Sonderauftrag Führermuseum)

2006 NR 103 minutes

Follow the remarkable journey of Belgium's most prized artistic treasure -- van Eyck's Ghent Altar -- as it passes through the hands of many art pillagers over the course of the Second World War. But behind the circuitous story lies Adolf Hitler's grand scheme to assemble Europe's largest art museum in his Austrian hometown of Linz. The absorbing documentary also covers Stalin's efforts to hoard numerous masterpieces from German art collections.

**Disappearing World: Ongka's Big Moka: The Kawelka of Papua, New Guinea**

2003 NR 60 minutes

A look at the Kawelka tribe of Papua New Guinea, this documentary traces native leader Ongka's efforts to gather valuable items and then give them all away in a traditional *moka* ceremony, which he hopes will improve his status in the community. Although his efforts will help all the members of his tribe, Ongka faces strong resistance and even violence from individuals unwilling to go along with his plans.

**The Kennedy Mystique: Creating Camelot**

2004 NR 60 minutes

Never in the history of the United States has there been a political dynasty with the storied reach of the Kennedy clan. From the days of Joseph P. Kennedy's fabled business dealings, the family's hypnotic hold on the media was complete, as they uniquely combined entertainment and politics in a way most people had never seen. This mix of rare home videos and archival footage underscores the clan's charismatic allure that culminated in Camelot.

**Mafia Empire**

1999 NR 150 minutes

No sooner had Prohibition taken hold of America than organized crime -- i.e., the Mafia -- had as well. This documentary tells the story of the Mafia in America -- from their bootlegging beginnings to their involvement in everything from organized labor to narcotics. Historians, government agents and former mafiosi trace the five major crime families from their Italian origins to their current global operations.
The Black American Experience: Famous Activists: Paul Robeson & Richard Wright

2009 NR 58 minutes

Redefining race relations through public discourse made legends of the two men profiled here: multitaled performer, writer, athlete and civil rights activist Paul Robeson, and literary giant Richard Wright (Native Son). For Robeson, this propensity ultimately cost him his career, leading to his blacklisting during the McCarthy era. For Wright, it fueled a body of work that brought the experience of being black in America to the world at large.

A Newsreel History of the Third Reich: Vol. 16

2008 NR 88 minutes

See how the German media covered the Nazi war machine under the reign of Hitler and his powerful propaganda minister, Joseph Goebbels, in this documentary featuring rare newsreel footage captured by Russian soldiers in 1945. Part 16 of this 20-part series covers late 1943, including a tank battle on the Eastern front, attacks on Allied ships in the Atlantic, several bombing raids in the Mediterranean and a training facility for Hitler Youth.

War Zone: Great Commanders of The Civil War

2003 NR 2 discs

It took the military genius and derring-do of the leaders on both sides of the Civil War, the Union Army and the Confederates, to steer their troops through the high-casualty battles fought throughout the duration of the conflict. Discover who those commanders were and how they helped shape history in the 19th century.

War Zone: Air Wars: Fighter Aircraft of WWII

2003 NR 2 discs

In this action-packed documentary featuring real footage of aerial combat, filmmakers capture the agony and adrenaline of the battles fought in the air during World War II. Air Wars give a truly eye-opening account of these battles as it goes inside the cockpits of the flying machines that helped bring the war to its ultimate end.

Merrily We Roll Along: The Early Days of the Automobile

1961 NR 60 minutes

Focusing on the early 1900s, this historical documentary traces America's transition from the horse-and-buggy era to the automobile, an invention that helped supplant the gentle pace of everyday life with a burning desire for speed and total freedom. Narrated by legendary comedian Groucho Marx, the hourlong video features vintage photos and archival footage that clearly illustrate how cars forever transformed American society.

They Came for Good: A History of the Jews in the United States: Present at the Creation 1654-1820

1997 NR 60 minutes
From the dawn of American history, Jews have been present in this country, striving for freedom from prejudice. This documentary traces their history, from the arrival of 23 Jews in 1654 to Jewish settlers fighting in the Revolutionary War. Expert interviews, historical reenactments of major events and vintage artwork help to tell the amazing stories of their participation in the birth of this nation.

They Came for Good: A History of the Jews in the United States: Taking Root 1820-1880
1997 NR 60 minutes
This documentary traces the fascinating history of Jewish immigrants in the U.S. during the 19th century, revealing how they contributed to the country's remarkable expansion and examining the internal struggles that challenged their communities. Impressive reenactments bring to life the stories of famous Jews such as peddler LeviStrauss, who made a fortune by inventing jeans and selling them to miners.

Sea Spies
2003 NR 50 minutes
Maritime expert Dr. Robert Ballard, founder and president of the Institute for Exploration (IFE) at Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut, hosts this engaging examination of modern-day seafaring produced by the award-winning team at National Geographic. Deep under the ocean's surface, countries are engaged in a battle of dominance that's lasted more than a century. Their tools: a stunningly sophisticated array of modern-day weaponry and technology.

Adam Clayton Powell
1989 NR 54 minutes
Examining the life and work of civil rights leader Adam Clayton Powell, this Oscar-nominated documentary narrated by civil rights activist Julian Bond paints a portrait of a complex man who was able to do great things despite overwhelming obstacles. But the film also reveals aspects of Powell's darker side, including a series of failed marriages, his infamous clashes with Martin Luther King Jr. and his public censure in the U.S. Congress.

As Seen Through These Eyes
2008 NR 70 minutes
Renowned poet Maya Angelou narrates this harrowing documentary from Hilary Helstein that explores the horrors of the holocaust through the perspective of the artists and musicians who lived under the rule of the Third Reich. Though Hitler and the Nazis worked diligently to suppress any artistic expression within the camps and ghettos, many of their captives refused to be silenced, using their creativity to combat the oppression they endured.

Martin Luther King, Jr: I Have a Dream
1986 NR 25 minutes
Relive one of the seminal moments in the history of the Civil Rights movement with these fascinating excerpted clips from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s landmark speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in 1963. In addition to King's most famous address, this compilation also includes the last speech he delivered before his tragic assassination, as well as footage of the beautiful eulogy delivered by friend Bobby Kennedy.
Roaring Glory Warbirds: Grumman F6F Hellcat

1998 NR 88 minutes

The U.S. Navy's F6F Hellcat was one of the most celebrated fighter planes of World War II. Join renowned pilot Steve Hinton in this detailed exploration of the Hellcat's design, construction and history, and then take a ride into the wild blue yonder. Featuring archival footage of the warbird in action, this presentation will remind you of the ingenuity and drive it took to develop a plane that could take on the Japanese zeros -- and triumph.

Ancient Egyptians

2003 NR 2 discs

This series makes the most of CGI technology to reenvision Egypt of long ago. Historical figures speak in historically accurate language (made clear by subtitles), as events that viewers may have only read about in textbooks unfold before their eyes. Episodes include "The Battle of Megiddo," "The Tomb Robber's Tale," "Murder in the Temple" and "The Twins' Tale." Also included are featurettes on clothing, hieroglyphs and more.

Monarchy: Series 1 (U.K. Version)

2006 NR 6 episodes

Tudor expert and BBC personality David Starkey turns his sharp eye to England's royals in this documentary series that maps the development, from 400 A.D. onward, of Europe's oldest surviving political institution. Beginning with the rise of Alfred the Great's nation-state, Series 1 chronicles the Norman Conquest and Henry II's dominance before delving into the made-for-Shakespeare reigns of three Edwards, Richard II and Henrys IV to VI.

Time Machine: The True Story of the Bridge on the River Kwai

2005 NR 100 minutes

This installment of A&E's "Time Machine" series tells the true story Lt. Col. Philip Toosey, the British officer portrayed in the Oscar-winning film The Bridge on the River Kwai who, according to his soldiers, was a hero, not a traitor. Talking to the men who fought alongside him and containing excerpts from the 50-plus hours of tapes Toosey left behind to document his wartime memories, the program tells his side of the story for the first time.

The Films of Hilary Harris: Four Visionary Short Films

1951 NR 80 minutes

Documentary filmmaker Hilary Harris, one of the pioneers of time-lapse photography, creates unforgettable portraits of New York City in four groundbreaking short films. "Organism" (1975), "9 Variations" (1966), "Highway" (1958) and "Longhorn" (1951), all newly restored for this anthology, illustrate the unique vision of a photographer whose stated purpose was to "lift people out of their preconceptions."

Marie Antoinette: The Scapegoat Queen

2006 NR 68 minutes
From Austrian princess to ill-fated last queen of France, Marie Antoinette's life journey is captured in this meticulously researched documentary about the woman who is considered to have triggered the French Revolution for her lavish lifestyle. Vilified for extravagant tastes that epitomized the wanton excess of the French aristocracy, the young queen found herself caught in a political firestorm, doomed no matter what course she followed.

In Search of History: Frontier Doctors

2006 NR 50 minutes

The History Channel's "In Search of History" series takes a compelling look at medical care in the rough-and-tumble world of the American West. On the frontier, many "doctors" were mere quacks hawking folk remedies and dubious patent medicines, but others were medically trained innovators who boldly experimented with new techniques born of necessity. This is a fascinating look at a remarkable chapter in medical history.

Steam Around the World: The African Archives

2006 NR 68 minutes

Taking advantage of footage shot in 1965 and 1970 by railroad enthusiast Harry P. Dodge during the waning days of the age of steam, this film profiles the railways of central and southern Africa. Crisscrossing the unforgiving terrain of a wildly divergent landscape, the great railroads of Africa (including Malawi Railways, Rhodesian Railways, Franco-Ethiopian Railways and more) are revealed through their history, politics, engineering and routes.

Ancient Mysteries: The Incredible Monuments of Rome

2006 NR 50 minutes

Hosted by Leonard Nimoy, the acclaimed A&E series "Ancient Mysteries" explores the personalities and motivations of the men responsible for building some of the Roman Empire's most imposing monuments. Driven by reckless egos, these men schemed to construct ever-greater buildings often dedicated to ritualistic violence, shocking cruelty and sexual debauchery. You may never look at Roman ruins the same way again!

Ancient Mysteries: Human Sacrifice

2006 NR 50 minutes

The acclaimed A&E series "Ancient Mysteries" explores the gruesome and fascinating history of ritualistic human sacrifice across cultures worldwide. Why did practitioners believe spilling human blood could appease the gods? What happened to the victims? Journey to the ancient Aztec empire, investigate a mysterious European sacrificial cult, and witness the lethal rites dedicated to the Indian deity Kali to learn the answers.

Ancient Mysteries: Mystical Monuments of Ancient Greece

2000 NR 50 minutes

Join "Ancient Mysteries" for a fresh look at the stunning structures built during Athens's golden age. Researchers and historians examine impressive buildings such as the Parthenon and the Erechtheum to see what clues they hold to their construction, function and the Greek way of life. Symbols of Athens's military and political might, were these buildings also home to brutal religious cults? Explore the secrets with those looking for the answers.
Yo Soy Boricua, Pa'Que Tu Lo Sepas!

2005 NR 85 minutes

Actress Rosie Perez makes a stunning directorial debut in this heartfelt tribute to Puerto Rican pride, in which she takes an in-depth look at the complex and often controversial history of Puerto Rican-U.S. relations. By turns shocking and celebratory, this wide-ranging documentary examines such rich themes of the Puerto Rican experience as family, language and racism, all with careful consideration of historical context.

In Search of History: Secrets of the Rosetta Stone

2006 NR 50 minutes

In 1799, when French troops near Rosetta, Egypt, discovered an ancient basalt slab carved with hieroglyphs, little did they know it would provide the key to unlocking the mysteries of an ancient civilization. This History Channel presentation reveals the saga of the Rosetta stone -- from its discovery and the many failed attempts to decode it to the deciphering of its text more than two decades later by Jean Francois Champollion.

Ancient Mysteries: Tombs of the Gods: The Great Pyramids of Giza

2005 NR 50 minutes

A&E's acclaimed "Ancient Mysteries" examines one of the world's most endlessly fascinating monuments: the ancient pyramids of Giza. Join scholars and engineers as they describe the people and ingenious construction techniques behind these and other ancient Egyptian building complexes, including the Temple of Amun at Karnak and Hatshepsut's Temple in Thebes, and see why these royal monuments have continued to captivate visitors for millennia.

American Experience: Building the Alaska Highway

2005 NR 60 minutes

During the dark early days of World War II, thousands of American soldiers began one of the most titanic construction efforts ever attempted -- the Alaska Highway, which would eventually span across the sub-Arctic wilderness of British Columbia, the Yukon Territory and Alaska. This documentary features interviews with highway workers, archival footage and, of course, breathtaking scenery. Part of the award-winning "American Experience" series.

Clive Cussler: The Sea Hunters: Set 1: Relics of WWII

2007 NR 3 discs

In this fascinating documentary series, best-selling author Clive Cussler, marine archaeologist James Delgado and a team of topnotch divers explore eight World War II shipwrecks, including an aircraft carrier encased in ice and D-Day wreckage. Cussler and the divers brave tough conditions as they scour the remains in search of undiscovered history, while survivors and eyewitnesses share their accounts in interviews.

Ishi, the Last Yahi
1992 NR 60 minutes

Ishi, the sole survivor of California's Yahi Native American tribe before his death in 1916, is the subject of this documentary featuring interviews and historical footage that tell Ishi's story of survival in the face of non-native encroachment. Narrated by Oscar Award-winning actress Linda Hunt, the enlightening presentation chronicles not only Ishi's story, but also the fledgling science of anthropology as it existed in the early 20th century.

The Shvitz

1993 NR 88 minutes

Director Jonathan Berman's affectionate documentary looks at the last of the great American bathhouses, taking viewers into the steam to uncover a fascinating community of shvitzers: that's Yiddish for people who sweat. Included among the regulars who gather to find renewal in the 200-degree heat are poets, rabbis, masseuses, models, butchers, gangsters and voyeurs -- a dynamic cast of characters as diverse as city life.

Passin' It On

1993 NR 102 minutes

Director Jon Valadez's compelling documentary probes the case of Dhoruba Bin Wahad, who was born Richard Moore and became a Black Panther, only to find himself imprisoned for the shooting of two white policemen. Eventually exonerated after spending 19 years in jail, Dhoruba relates the incredible story of his long ordeal and quest for justice, a tale bolstered by the testimony of his attorneys and other Black Panthers.

Air War: Pacific: Vol. 1

2008 NR 90 minutes

This anthology features World War II-era archival documentaries drawn from private collections, including "Pacific Milk Run," which chronicles the American air attacks that disrupted Japanese shipping lanes near the Marshall Islands during the war. Also included are "Battle of Midway," which examines the 1942 American victory over the Japanese Imperial Navy, "Incendiary Attacks Against Japanese Cities," "Story of the Black Cats" and more.

Project XX: The Jazz Age

(Project Twenty: The Jazz Age)

1956 NR 60 minutes

This installment of the Emmy-winning "Project XX" series celebrates the ebullient and tempestuous Jazz Age, those years from the conclusion of World War I to the stock market crash of 1929. Footage from newsreels and period films helps bring to light the defining cultural landmarks of the era, including speakeasies, Chicago gangsters, Charles Lindbergh and, of course, jazz music. Comedian Fred Allen narrates.

Project XX: Life in the Thirties

(Project Twenty: Life in the Thirties)
This installment in NBC News's "Project XX" documentary series examines American life and society in the 1930s, a tumultuous decade that saw some of the country's darkest hours, including the Great Depression and the Hindenburg disaster. Newsreels and other footage also examines some of the era's brighter moments, including FDR's New Deal, the birth of swing music, the demise of Prohibition and more.

**Ropewalk: A Cordage Engineer's Journey Through History**

2007 NR 62 minutes

Steve Fetsch's documentary links prehistoric tools, Benjamin Franklin and space travel with one common thread: rope. Fetsch explores rope's history -- its ancient beginnings, agriculture significance in Civil War-era Ohio and modern, high-tech uses. Narrated by Bill Hagenbuch, former president of one the country's last natural-fiber rope-making companies, the film features historical photographs and clips from mid-1900s industry reels.

**Disappearing World: The Lau of the Solomon Islands: The Lau of Malaita**

2003 NR 60 minutes

This provocative documentary explores the endangered culture of the Lau people, an indigenous tribe that resides on coral reef islands in the South Pacific. Until recently, the Lau have largely escaped the influence of other civilizations. But as modernity encroaches in the form of aggressive Christian proselytizing and Western culture, tribal leaders struggle to maintain their distinctive spiritual traditions and way of life.

**Disappearing World: Masai Women: The Masai of Kenya**

2003 NR 60 minutes

Shot in the highlands of eastern Africa, this remarkable documentary chronicles the trials and triumphs of women in the highly patriarchal Masai tribe, exploring topics such as marriage and female circumcision. Denied a role in the central power and economic structure of a culture centered on owning cattle, these women nevertheless have found a way to remain central to Masai society.

**The Story of Will Rogers**

1961 NR 51 minutes

America's favorite cowboy, Will Rogers, is the topic of this documentary chronicling the star's beginnings as a rope-trick phenomenon in a traveling Wild West show, his rise to national prominence and his tragic death in a plane crash. Narrated by Bob Hope and featuring extensive archival footage, rare photographs and even home movies, this program paints a moving portrait of the man who would become known as America's cowboy philosopher.

**Facing Sudan**

2008 NR 90 minutes

Through the stories of a custodian, pediatrician, housewife and others who have experienced the brutal violence in war-torn Sudan, Bruce David Janu's documentary reveals how ordinary people can create extraordinary change. The film explores the historical
context of the conflict, featuring footage of Sudanese military attacks and interviews with both volunteers and victims of the violence, including a harrowing segment on the Lost Boys.

**Science and the Swastika**

2001 NR 2 discs

While Hitler's army may have been the most feared symbol of the Nazi regime, his use of the scientific community to further his ends was even more terrifying. Four searing episodes give a disturbing glimpse into this especially dark chapter of Nazi history, when this scientific pursuit of truth became lost in the white-hot glare of Hitler's twisted vision.

**Soundz of Spirit**

2003 NR 60 minutes

Hunker down for a documentary the likes of which you've probably never seen -- one that explores how the creative process and spirituality coalesce in hip-hop culture. By equal turns revealing and inspiring, Soundz of Spirit features performances and interviews from such hip-hop artists as Andre 3000 (Outkast), Common, Cee-Lo, KRS-1, Talib Kweli, Blackalicious, Nappy Roots, Jurassic 5, Zion I, Dilated Peoples, The Last Poets and Aceyalone.

**Last Call at Maud's**

1993 NR 77 minutes

Offering an unprecedented look at Maud's, the world's longest-running lesbian bar, this documentary profiles the major events that lead to its creation, the role it played in the community and its importance in the gay and lesbian rights movement. See how this San Francisco establishment for women changed throughout the years thanks to police raids, the advent of AIDS and a constantly evolving population.

**Refuge of Last Resort**

2006 NR 72 minutes

With Hurricane Katrina bearing down on New Orleans, local filmmaker James L. Bills and his family decided to ride out the storm in a downtown hotel. Six days later, they still hadn't made it home. This film tells their story, in the process documenting the plight of Big Easy residents before, during and after Katrina. Shot in high-definition video, it includes footage from the Superdome and convention center as well as interviews with survivors.

**Modern Marvels: More Engineering Disasters**

2005 NR 50 minutes

“Modern Marvels” digs through the rubble of some of the world’s most notable disasters, documenting an embarrassing chapter in the history of engineering. Dramatic footage and photos reveal how easy it is for tiny mistakes to snowball into tragedy. Interviews with experts and scholars -- many captured as the disasters occurred -- warn against the arrogance, ego and incompetence that can destroy a dream.
After the Wall: A World United

2011 NR 55 minutes

After serving as a geographic and ideological divide for 40 years, the Berlin Wall came down in 1989, bringing the reunification of Germany and an end to the Cold War. This documentary revisits the events surrounding the wall's historic collapse. Interviews with major players such as George Bush, Mikhail Gorbachev and Helmut Kohl offer insight into political maneuverings while firsthand accounts from Germans provide personal perspectives.

The Best of the Real West

1992 NR 2 discs

The myths, legends and realities of the Old West come alive in The Real West with Kenny Rogers. Through original footage, authentic diaries, paintings, photos and expert commentary, this award-winning History Channel series reawakens the adventure of our most fabled era, exposing the truth behind some of America's most celebrated stories and figures.

Combat Camera: The Pacific

2001 NR 120 minutes

View in-depth stories about the United States military in the Pacific during World War II with this uncensored newsreel compilation, which features compelling segments about the Battle of Midway, MacArthur liberating Manila, and Japan's surrender. Recorded by specially trained soldiers, these vintage films document the realities of the war, including heavy combat situations and humanitarian missions.

The Colors of War: Pacific

2003 NR 120 minutes

This compilation of four uncut Academy Award-winning and -nominated World War II combat documentaries includes The Battle of Midway and Report from the Aleutians by legendary directors John Ford and John Huston, respectively. To the Shores of Iwo Jima and With the Marines at Tarawa complete the collection. Bonus material includes raw footage of the Battle of Kawajalein and an interview with war photographer Joe Rosenthal.

House of Life

2007 NR 52 minutes

The final resting place for Prague's once-vibrant Jewish community and the only place in the city where Jewish children could play during World War II, the Old Jewish Cemetery is the subject of this documentary from Alan Miller and Mark Podwal. With actress Claire Bloom narrating, the film reveals the fascinating history of a burial ground -- 12 layers deep in graves -- that's steeped in historical, mystical and philosophical significance.

Briars in the Cotton Patch: Story of Koinonia Farm

2003 PG 57 minutes
In 1942 rural southwest Georgia, white preacher Clarence Jordan founded the Koinonia Farm, a commune based on the Christian principles of nonviolence, sharing and racial equality. Through interviews and archival footage, this documentary tracks the history of the farm from its beginnings to its 21st century challenges. The constant target of racist groups during the Civil Rights era, Koinonia remains a symbol of the possibility of racial unity.

A Ride Along the Lincoln Highway

2008 NR 60 minutes

Built in 1913 as the fastest, smoothest path from one coast of the United States to the other, Lincoln Highway is the star of this Rick Sebak-hosted documentary. As Sebak travels the highway between New York and San Francisco, he discovers much about America through conversations with historians, travelers, motel operators, restaurateurs and others in spots ranging from a Mexican restaurant in Rahway, N.J., to a cornfield near Scranton, Iowa.

Who Shall Live and Who Shall Die?

1982 NR 85 minutes

Laurence Jarvik's thought-provoking documentary examines what the United States knew about the Holocaust during the early days of World War II, and whether it could have prevented the wholesale slaughter of millions of Jews. Using previously classified documents, rare newsreel footage and contemporary interviews, Jarvik evaluates key decisions of the government to make the case that much more could have been done to prevent this atrocity.

Attila '74: The Rape of Cyprus

1975 NR 101 minutes

This documentary by Cyprus-born filmmaker Michael Cacoyannis tells a story close to the director's heart: It explores Turkey's 1974 invasion of the tiny island of Cyprus, whose sovereignty has been disputed ever since it gained independence from the United Kingdom in 1960. Trampled underfoot in the battle between Greece and Turkey, the people of Cyprus won't soon forget the toll the invasion took on their tiny island nation.

Dorothy Dandridge: Singing at Her Best

2003 NR 60 minutes

Legendary entertainer Dorothy Dandridge -- the first black woman to be nominated for a Best Actress Oscar (for director Otto Preminger's Carmen Jones in 1954) -- shows off her vocal talents in this collection of vintage performances. An amalgamation of movie trailers and feature-film clips, this fitting musical tribute includes the songs "Blow Out the Candles," "My Heart Belongs to Daddy" and "Swing for My Supper."

Allied Armor

2006 NR 60 minutes

Experience the feel of the front with this documentary-style program that rolls out authentic World War II combat footage of American, British and Soviet tanks, including Churchills and Matildas; self-propelled guns; and armored cars in action. Segments take you to battles on the front lines on the steppes of Russia and the islands of the Pacific, plus conflict in North Africa, Italy and Normandy.
**Remember Pearl Harbor**

2001 NR 2 discs

Few people remember the Pearl Harbor that existed before the surprise Japanese air strike in 1941. With rare film and sound recordings, including exclusive color footage shot at Pearl Harbor only months before the surprise attack, the military base is remembered as it was. Also included are the comments of several leading naval historians who highlight little-known details about our nation’s greatest naval disaster.

**The Cross of Thoth**

2007 NR 66 minutes

Discovered deep within Egypt's Great Pyramid, the Cross of Thoth is an ancient relic thought to be more than 4,000 years old and have the power to unlock the mysteries of great spiritual masters. Specializing in uncovering the secrets of the ancient past, Crichton Miller takes his journey to the limits. Through his tenacity and independence, Miller aims to reveal secrets that have been tucked away for thousands of years.

**8:15 - August 6, 1945 Hiroshima**

2005 NR 100 minutes

It was a horrific event that changed the world in a millisecond. The dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima ushered in a new age of imminent peril in which the civilized world stood (and continues to stand) on the brink of extinction. Director Martin Duckworth's powerful documentary chronicles some of the stories of survivors of the blast. Their touching narratives testify to the need for vigilance that such an abomination never happens again.

**Aboriginal Architecture Living Architecture**

2005 NR 93 minutes

From time-tested igloos and tepees to the work of modern Aboriginal architects, this stunning film covers the evolution of indigenous architecture in the United States and Canada. In a tour of seven communities, including the Pueblo, Mohawk, Inuit and Crow nations, you'll see how native designers successfully blend current community needs with tradition in structures that testify to the enduring strength and ingenuity of Aboriginal design.

**Red Stuff: The True Story of the Russian Race for Space**

2003 NR 100 minutes

Featuring information from newly declassified documents, this penetrating film chronicles the epic story of the Cold War-era Soviet space program, which beat America's space program to every goal except putting a man on the moon. From the cosmonaut's stories to the role of Soviet propaganda, the program helps lift the veil on one of the most secretive and high-stakes international rivalries of the 20th century.

**Directed by Alan Smithee**
From 1969 to 1999, one filmmaker directed more films than any other. And it wasn't Coppola, Spielberg or Scorsese. It was Alan Smithee, director of every genre -- comedies, westerns, dramas and more. You wouldn't recognize his face, as Smithee is a pseudonym directors assume when they want to disown a film. Here, you'll get the inside scoop on Hollywood's battles of power and betrayal.

Great Fighting Machines of WWII: Allied and Axis Bombers

In this riveting documentary, you'll take to the skies with the U.S. B-17 Flying Fortress, the British Lancaster and Soviet Tupolev as they drop massive ordnance over German territory, devastating their targets. Through archival footage of World War II battles, interviews and expert commentary, the video examines how these heavy-duty aircraft affected the war's outcome in the European and Pacific theaters.

Exodus Revealed

Exodus Revealed follows the footsteps of the children of Israel on an unforgettable journey of discovery. A journey that reveals physical evidence for the Exodus, including the remains of 3800-year-old Hebrew settlements in Egypt's Nile Delta, Egyptian records of the Israelites' bondage under Pharaoh and the location of Mt. Sinai.

ESPN: Third and a Mile: The Emergence of the Black Quarterback

ESPN's exploration into the plight of the African-American quarterback recounts the trials and tribulations that black players have been forced to endure throughout the history of the NFL and NCAA football. With appearances from legends such as Warren Moon, Randall Cunningham and Doug Williams, this insightful documentary chronicles the journey of these athletes, whose ascents to prominence were challenged by staunch racism and bigotry.

Ronald Reagan: His Life and Legacy

This commemorative video examines the life and political career of the late Ronald Reagan, America's 40th president. Interviews with family members and journalists, excerpts from his many letters (read by his son, Ron) and recordings of some of his major addresses tell Reagan's story and illustrate why the man known as "The Great Communicator" had such a lasting impact on America and the world. Includes memorials and coverage of Reagan's funeral.

Steam Around the World: The Asian & Australasian Archives

Locomotive expert Harry P. Dodge travels the exotic railways of India, Thailand, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand in this fascinating look at the trains of Asia and Australasia, which features Dodge's 16mm footage from the 1960s and '70s. This documentary reveals the history, routes and machinery of the region's train systems, including the extravagant Darjeeling Railway, Thailand's wood-burning trains, Indonesia's tank engines and more.
Encyclopedia of Modern Armor: Engines of War

2006 NR 60 minutes

Combat changed drastically with the introduction of advanced technologies such as tanks and fighter planes. This documentary reveals how the introduction of such 20th-century weapons as the Soviet T-34 tank and the German Sutka affected World War II and subsequent conflicts. From the first appearance of military tanks and planes on the battlefields to today's modern versions, this program examines the history and lasting impact of the engines of war.

Toulouse-Lautrec

2001 NR 50 minutes

Known best for his vivid portrayals of the famous Moulin Rouge nightclub, 19th-century French painter Henri Toulouse-Lautrec had a difficult life: He was crippled by a genetic disease and died at 36 after years of alcoholism and syphilis had racked his body. This gripping program looks at Toulouse-Lautrec's life and art, and leading authorities, art historians and scholars offer analysis and commentary that provide an inside look at the artist.

Stonehenge

1999 NR 50 minutes

Steeped in mystery, Stonehenge -- a megalithic monument dating back to 2,800 B.C. -- stands on Salisbury Plain in England's Wiltshire County. Using location footage, 3-D computer graphics, meticulous reconstructions and insightful analysis, this fascinating documentary investigates the story behind the intriguing structure, including the myths and realities surrounding the ancient stone circle that continues to bewilder experts.

Pompeii: The Doomed City

1999 NR 50 minutes

Located at the base of Mount Vesuvius, the city of Pompeii was completely wiped out when the volcano violently erupted in A.D. 79. More than 2,000 citizens died, buried beneath a mountain of volcanic ash. In 1748, Pompeii was rediscovered -- the city and its people frozen in time by the catastrophic event. This fascinating program explores the doomed city through film footage, reconstructions and expert commentary.

A Newsreel History of the Third Reich: Vol. 2

1995 NR 85 minutes

Captured by Russian troops in 1945, this collection of German newsreel footage offers insight into the tactics of Joseph Goebbels' Ministry of Propaganda, which successfully fed the nation misinformation and half-truths. Volume 2 focuses on the years 1936 to 1939, covering the country's alliance with Benito Mussolini's Italian Fascist Party, Spain's civil war and Germany's massive rearmament as it prepared for World War II.

Russian Painters: The Classic Years
When Peter the Great came to power at the beginning of the 18th century, he westernized Russia, often using a brutal hand to bring about change. One of the transformations that occurred at this time was in the field of art, which moved from its primitive tribal and religious roots toward a more classic western style. This absorbing program explores how the combination of influences is reflected in the country's emergent art.

**Jesse James: Outlaw Hero**

2006 NR 120 minutes

As is the case with many historical figures, Jesse James, the man, is far more complicated than Jesse James, the legend. This documentary takes a look at some of those complexities. Brought up in a slave-owning family, James eventually became a Confederate sympathizer. This video examines how the Border Wars and then the Civil War shaped the man who rode with the James-Younger gang and became the prototypical American gangster.

**The Golden Age of Caribbean Pirates**

2006 NR 54 minutes

Johnny Depp may have made it look glamorous, but the life of a Caribbean pirate involved more than swashbuckling and fancy dress. Lawlessness and butchery abounded as larger-than-life figures struggled to take control of the region. This production takes a look behind the legends of Blackbeard, Henry Morgan, Anne Bonney and Mary Reade to discover what it meant to be a pirate during their golden age.

**Russian Painters: The Years of Art Nouveau**

2002 NR 50 minutes

Russian art -- which boasts an impressive cultural legacy -- flourished in the 20th century's first decade, with art nouveau playing a prominent role. Featuring a fresh, distinctive look and the possibility of using unique new materials, the genre quickly attracted an avid following. This enlightening documentary focuses on Russian painters of the period, including Alexander Benois and Kazimir Malevich, who left their mark on modern art.

**Encyclopedia of Modern Armor: Armored Infantry**

2006 NR 57 minutes

On the ground and on the front lines, the soldiers of the infantry have always seen the worst of war. Thanks to armored carriers, however, their lot has improved considerably -- an evolution fully documented here. Since the 1930s, the armies of the world have developed ever more sophisticated armored infantry -- from the German Hanomag personnel carrier of World War II to the Bradley transporters used in Iraq.

**Great Women Writers: Emily Dickinson**

2001 NR 45 minutes

This installment of the Great Women Writers series celebrates American poet Emily Dickinson's works by reciting passages against the backdrop of rare archival photographs and authentic period imagery. Though she wrote more than 2,500 poems during her lifetime
verses that reveal singular talent and complexity -- Dickinson (1830-1886) chose to publish only seven, making her one of the most reclusive American writers of all time.

**Beyond Barbed Wire**

2001 NR 177 minutes

Noriyuki "Pat" Morita (The Karate Kid) narrates this documentary that focuses on the struggle that Japanese-Americans lived through while serving in the Army's 442nd Division during World War II. This special edition includes the short films Go For Broke!, a 1951 feature based on the events documented and Beyond Barbed Wire.

**Truth Prevails: The Undying Faith of Jan Hus**

2007 NR 60 minutes

This absorbing documentary chronicles the struggles of little-known religious reformer Jan Hus, who took a stand against church corruption in the 15th century and planted the seeds that spawned Europe's Protestant Reformation. Excommunicated in 1410, Hus was jailed four years later -- charged with heresy -- and ultimately put to death for refusing to disavow his beliefs. Extras include a time line that affords a historical framework.

**Wales: A Nationhood**

2006 NR 50 minutes

The landscape, people and culture of Wales are at the center of this historically minded program examining the events that helped shape the country's past and the figures who will influence its future. Segments focus on the legacy of Owain Glyndwr (who, according to legend, was crowned Prince of Wales in 1404), the treasures of the Welsh Folk Museum, the country's rich musical heritage and its fascination with rugby, the national pastime.

**Mysterious Britain**

2006 NR 50 minutes

Via on-location footage and dramatic reenactments, this thought-provoking program explores the mysterious structures of the British Isles as well as the myths and legends that seek to explain them. Highlights include a stop at the great stone circle of Stonehenge and a trip to the cone-shaped hill of Glastonbury Tor, as well as an examination of ley lines and chalk hill-drawings. British actor Tom Conti provides the witty narration.

**Overlord: A Mighty Host**

2004 NR 58 minutes
In this documentary, the survivors of D-Day offer firsthand accounts of the battle that turned the tide of World War II when more than 150,000 Allied troops descended upon the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944. In the process of spilling out their memories of the invasion, veteran soldiers, sailors and paratroopers create a profoundly moving and enduring record of a momentous military event.

**National Geographic: Vietnam's Unseen War: Pictures from the Other Side**

2002 NR 54 minutes

You haven't seen everything there is to see about the Vietnam War if you haven't viewed this sobering documentary from the highly regarded National Geographic team of filmmakers. Complementing the recently released book *Another Vietnam*, this film captures the war as seen through the eyes (and lenses) of Vietnamese photographers.

**From Normandy to Berlin**

2007 NR 2 discs

This documentary retraces some of the Allied army's most shining moments near the end of World War II, from D-Day to the final collapse of the Nazi empire. Witness the Allied landings on the beach at Normandy during Operation Overlord in June 1944; the triumphant Allied army's march through the streets of Paris less than 100 days later; and other key Allied victories such as the Battle of the Bulge and the Battle of Remagen.

**The Speeches Collection: Vol. 1**

2002 NR 2 discs

This collection features stirring oratory from some of the 20th century's most gifted American speech makers, including highlights spanning the public careers of Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford, John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. In an age dominated by a rhetoric of convenience and nightly news sound bites, this anthology proves that few things have the power to inspire as a substantive speech delivered by a gifted orator.

**Project XX: Not So Long Ago**

(Project Twenty: Not So Long Ago)

1960 NR 60 minutes

Bob Hope narrates this captivating examination of American life from the end of World War II to the start of the Korean War, a time period noted for its extraordinary growth and a sharp increase in the nation's standard of living. At the same time, however, the country was gripped by Cold War fears and suspicion. Topics covered include Harry S. Truman's shocking presidential victory, the McCarthy trials and Negro League baseball.

**Slapstick, Too**

2004 NR 76 minutes

The origins of slapstick and vaudeville are explored in this documentary narrated by actor Eli Wallach. The film takes an in-depth look at the history and evolution of the comedy genre, tracking the careers of slapstick heavyweights such as Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Laurel and Hardy, the Marx Brothers, W.C. Fields and many more, all of whom began their careers in either vaudeville houses or slapstick-heavy films.
Inheritance

2006 NR 75 minutes

Monika Hertwig grapples with her father Amon Goeth's appalling legacy as a Nazi responsible for killing thousands of Jews. In a moving act of reconciliation, Monika meets with Helen Jonas-Rosezweig, her father's Jewish maid and slave during the war. Deeply disturbed by actor Ralph Fiennes's portrayal of her father as an inhuman monster in the film Schindler's List, Monika tries to overcome her guilt by coming to terms with the past.

Project XX: The Innocent Years

(Project Twenty: The Innocent Years)

1957 NR 60 minutes

The relatively calm years between 1900 and 1914 represented a time of tranquility and opulence in America, before World War I removed any carefree virtue that was left to be found. Narrated by Alexander Scourby, this documentary provides a charming retrospective look at what life was like during those 14 years leading up to the chaos of war time. Features President Teddy Roosevelt, the Mexican Revolution, Prohibition and more.

Charles Dickens' London: Part 1: Life

2008 NR 95 minutes

Charles Dickens's books were famously inspired by his life in London. This illuminating documentary traces his artistic path, including visits to the debtor's prison where his father was held and the factory where he worked alongside the city's poor. Other highlights include tours of the Houses of Parliament, Dickens's home near King's Cross Station and his burial place, Westminster Abbey.

Matter of Life and Death: Magic Moments and Dark Hours in the History of Medicine

2006 NR 2 discs / 4 episodes

This fascinating and comprehensive multipart documentary explores 5,000 years of medical health care, analyzing smallpox, tuberculosis, the plague and other historical diseases, as well as contemporary afflictions such as AIDS and other viruses. The four segments -- "The First Breath," "The Wild Years," "Mid-Life" and "Aging and Death" -- provide thorough discussions of astonishing medical breakthroughs … and terrible scientific blunders.