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The fall school season gives a fresh start, with new faces, new ideas, and second chances. It is also a time for new materials, for clean pads of paper and shiny stiff text books. But because of cutbacks this year, more schools than ever will be making do with materials that are outdated, more than a little frayed, and in short supply. We know that many

teachers end up reaching into their own pockets to buy the supplies they need for their classes. In this semester's edition of The Idea Book for Educators™, we have gathered a collection of free resources for you and your students, in print, online, and on television. From interactive Web sites to historical documents, these materials can help inspire your students to explore new worlds of learning. And almost all the resources are free!

This semester, our Save Our History™ campaign is proud to work with the National Archives and National History Day on Our Documents, with its fabulous source book available at no cost to educators (see page 2 for details). Look for our special programming for Hispanic Heritage month, which runs from September 15th through October 15th (inside back cover). And, for those of you who teach expository writing, current events, or civics, please encourage your class members to enter the Biography° of the Year essay contest. Last year we had more than 6,000 entries for the \$5000 scholarship from A&E.. Every student who hones his or her writing ability through this contest ends up a winner.

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A Town Hall Meeting and an Original Documentary



premiere: This Fall (Check your local listings)

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Save Our History™ is our award-winning national campaign dedicated to historic preservation and history education. During the fall of 2003, Save Our History will be working with National History Day and the National Archives on the Our Documents project, which looks at the great documents in the archives' collection. One of the outstanding aspects of this project is the free teacher resources that have been created. We are using this space to introduce you to the project and the resources available online and in print.

The History Channel will air two programs for the *Our Documents* project. The first is a televised Town Meeting aimed at young people at which participants will discuss the meaning and role of historic documents. Viewers can take part by voting on which documents relating to American History they believe to be the most important. The second event is an hour-long documentary on the preservation technology used by the National Archives and the hidden "greats" in their massive collection. (Tentatively scheduled for late September and December 2003 respectively; please check local listings for airdates and times.)

introduction

This year marks the bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase, in which a young United States acquired the Mississippi River, nearly 828,000 square miles of land, including fertile farmland and natural resources, and the crucial port city of New Orleans for \$15 million.¹ The following lesson on then-President Thomas Jefferson and the debate over how the Constitution might accommodate territorial expansion is excerpted from the *Our Documents Teacher Sourcebook*, a free resource created by

National History Day, Inc. in cooperation with the National Archives that transports educators back in time to 100 critical moments in our nation's history. As part of this initiative **The History Channel** is sponsoring the 2003-2004 sourcebook that will be available in the fall of 2003. For a free copy of the book send an e-mail to **info@nationalhistoryday.org** or visit **www.ourdocuments.gov**.

excerpt: The Constitutional Construction Debate

Though the Louisiana Purchase, supported by President Jefferson, seemed like one sweet deal, not everyone was impressed. President Jefferson wasn't sure it was constitutional to purchase land by treaty. He also had a question about whether communities of people living in the Louisiana Territory could be organized into states and its citizens brought into the country on an equal footing with other U.S. citizens. Despite his worries about whether constitutional amendments should

be added to grant this permission, he recommended that the Senate ratify the terms of the treaty without further talk of amendments. He later defended his decision on these grounds:

A strict observance of the written laws is doubtless one of the highest duties of a good citizen, but it is not the highest. The laws of necessity, of self-preservation, of saving the country when in danger are of higher obligation.



To lose our country by a scrupulous adherence to written laws, would be to lose the law itself...thus absurdly sacrificing the end to the means....It is incumbent on [the duty of] those only who accept great charges, to risk themselves on great occasions, when the safety of the nation, or some of its very high interests are at stake. An officer is bound to obey

orders; yet he would be a bad one who should do it in cases for which they were not intended, and which involve the most important consequences. The line of discrimination between cases may be difficult; but the good officer is bound to draw it at his peril; and throw himself on the justice of his own country, and the Irightness of his own motives.²

activity

Review the U.S. Constitution, Article I, section 8, last paragraph; Article II, section 1; and Article IV. Then write a two-minute **Sound Off** choosing either one of the statements below as inspiration for your remarks. Pick an "honorable opponent" and have a **Sound Off Stand Off**, drawing lots to determine who speaks first. Each of you has exactly two minutes to make your arguments. Ask your classmates to choose a winner by applauding wildly for the speaker with the best

arguments. Then bask in your triumph, or admit defeat!

Position 1

Who is President Jefferson kidding? This argument is nothing but an effort on his part to circumvent the Constitution. What it means is that if he doesn't want to be

hemmed in by the Constitution, he and the Congress can simply choose not to obey it. This time it's "brucial" because of a worthless expanse of grass and woods? What next?

Why, it's an absolute recipe for tyranny!

Position 2

This is a fine example of President Jefferson having the good sense not to lose a wonderful opportunity! We're going to have the French off our backs, and someone wants to protest his taking a few liberties with the language of the Constitution? The Constitution is supposed to be a flexible document. Besides, why wouldn't we assume that the president and the Senate could make a treaty to buy some land? I don't see any rule against it. What's the big deal?



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History Channel Awards

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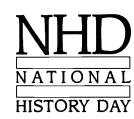
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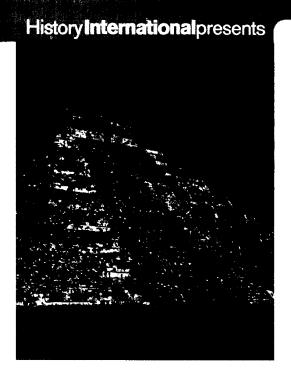


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yramids of Mexico

classroom: **September 19, December 2**

Puzzling Pyramids of Mexico is an exploration of the ancient city of Teotihuacán. Students will learn about a culture which many scholars believe was unusually concerned with social equality for its time but which is also associated with human sacrifice. They will also learn about how this culture affected the Aztecs and the Spanish conquistadors and what it means to people in present-day Mexico.



national standards

Puzzling Pyramids of Mexico fulfills the following National Standards for World History for grades 5-12: Era 4, Expanding Zones of Exchange and Encounter, 300-1000 CE; Era 5, Intensified Hemispheric Interactions, 1000-1500 CE; and Era 6, Global Expansion and Encounter, 1450-1770 CE.

curriculum links

Puzzling Pyramids of Mexico would be useful for classes on Archaeology, Latin American History, World History, and World Religions. It is appropriate for middle and high school classes. Please note that this program is not intended for elementary school students. Its imagery of human remains and discussion of the practice of human sacrifice might frighten and confuse younger viewers.

vocabulary

Students should identify the following terms. Visit www.merriamwebster.com for definitions.

archaeology artifact citadel cosmic

crusade daunting desecration egalitarian

focal point innovate limestone mammoth

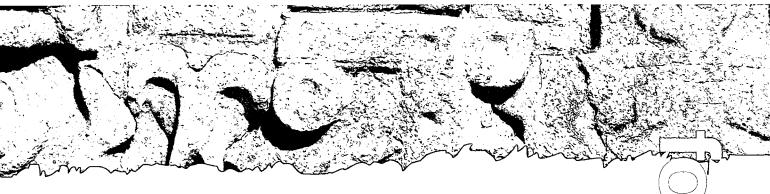
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- 1. An ancient city such as Teotihuacán is studied by anthropologists, who use artifacts such as buildings, artwork and pottery to form theories about a culture. What are they trying to learn? What different questions do you think they ask? What kinds of artifacts might act as "clues" to provide answers to those questions?
- 2. Why people abandoned Teotihuacán is unknown, but one theory is that they had exhausted the local natural resources. Why would this be a problem? Would our civilization be threatened if we used up our resources?
- 3. Many scholars believe Teotihuacán was built as a utopian society. What ideals did the people of Teotihuacán hope to follow? How did the city support these ideas? Do you think such a society is attainable? Why or why not?

- 4. The two most important pyramids of Teotihuacán are the Pyramid of the Sun and the Pyramid of the Moon. What is special about these two structures? How did they support the beliefs of the people of Teotihuacán?
- 5. It appears that the people of Teotihuacán believed they needed to sacrifice human beings to sustain their own existence. What evidence points to this theory? What might this evidence tell us about their religious and social beliefs? What are the different theories discussed in the documentary as to who was sacrificed and why?
- 6. Why do the descendents of the people of Teotihuacán visit the ruined city today?

A Spanish-language version of this study guide is available at HistoryChannel.com/classroom





activities

- Locate Mexico and Teotihuacán in an atlas. What can you learn about the climate, plants, and animals of that region?
- Make a poster or fact sheet listing ten important facts and discoveries about the city of Teotihuacán.
- 3. The people of Teotihuacán did not have a written language, but we can learn about their culture by studying their art. Imagine you also "wrote" using pictures and not words, and draw a picture telling a story from your own life.
- 4. The exact date at which Teotihuacán was established is unclear, but its main monuments were finished circa 200 AD and it was abandoned by about 700 AD. What other civilizations existed at the same time around the world? Make a timeline comparing two or three civilizations that existed during that period.
- 5. Some scholars believe that Teotihuacán was built in an attempt to create a utopian society. What is your idea of a utopia?

- Make a poster with the plans of a utopian city of your design. Be sure to think about day-to-day details like food, housing, and sanitation as well as larger issues like governance, education and beliefs. Describe how the organization of your city fulfills your ideas for a perfect society.
- 6. Teotihuacán was built nearly two thousand years ago. Imagine it is the year 4000 and you are an anthropologist studying artifacts from your town from the year 2000. What kinds of artifacts might you, the anthropologist from the future, find from this "ancient civilization"? What might you learn about the ancient town and the people who lived there in 2000? Write a story based on this idea.
- 7. Part of the program concerns the contact between the Spanish and the Aztec peoples in the year 1519. How was this meeting shaped by Aztec beliefs? How do you think it may have been shaped by Spanish beliefs? Research the contact between Cortes and Montezuma and write an essay on what the documentary calls a "clash of civilizations."

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http://archaeology.la.asu.edu/teo site on Teotihuacán by the Archeology Research Institute at Arizona State University

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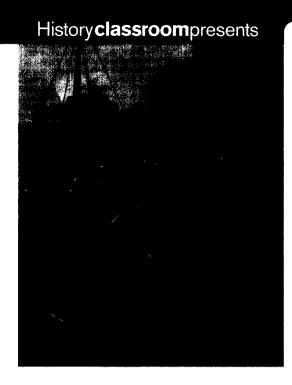
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The Technology of Lewis and Clark

classroom: October 13



Students will learn about the technological innovations used on the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1803-1806 that explored the territory acquired by the United States in the Louisiana Purchase. They will learn how Meriwether Lewis planned for the expedition, how the members of the group used their intelligence and skills in a wilderness setting, and how they interacted with Native American groups.



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national standards

The Technology of Lewis and Clark fulfills the following National Standards for History for grades 5-12: chronological thinking, historical comprehension, historical analysis and interpretations.

curriculum links

The Technology of Lewis and Clark would be appropriate for lessons in American History, Problem Solving, Engineering and Technology, Industrial Arts, and Geography. The content is suitable for middle and high school students. There is a brief discussion of cultural differences regarding sexuality.

vocabulary

Students should identify the following terms. Visit www.merriamwebster.com for definitions.

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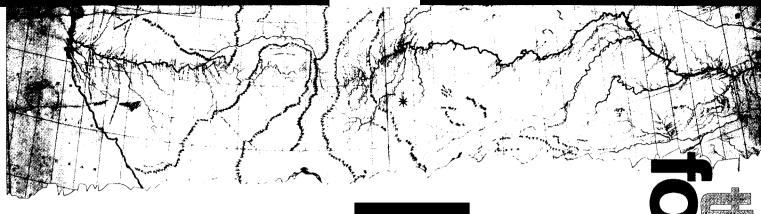
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discussion questions

- 1. What were the circumstances behind the Louisiana Purchase? What people, territory, animal species, and natural resources did it include?
- What were the goals of the expedition? Why did the U.S. government spend money and manpower on this project?
- 3. What did Lewis buy before the expedition began? What were his priorities?
- 4. Think about the keel boat they used to make their way up the Missouri River. How was it designed? What were the advantages and disadvantages of this design?
- 5. The program describes some of the firearms that Lewis bought. How were they unusual? What were the advantages of these designs?

- 6. How did Lewis keep the gunpowder dry?
- 7. What did the members of the expedition eat during the journey?
- 8. Who were some of the members of the expedition? What different skills and talents did they bring to the group?
- **8.** What was innovative about Fort Mandan? Why?
- 10. How did the Native Americans who encountered the expedition react? How might they have felt about the expedition?
- 11. How did Lewis and Clark interact with the Native Americans? How did they benefit from this interaction? What did the Native Americans teach them?
- **13.** What were some of the biggest challenges during the journey?

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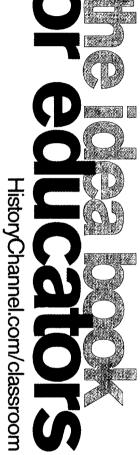


activities

- Meriwether Lewis found or designed several innovative technologies in his preparations for the expedition. Choose one of these technologies and make a poster describing its design, purpose, and what made it unusual.
- 2. Draw a picture of the different kinds of boats used by Lewis and Clark. What are they called?
- 3. One of the fascinating elements of the Lewis and Clark story is that they did not know who or what they would find. What problems did they anticipate? Were their expectations accurate? What did they not anticipate? Make a chart describing some of the assumptions and expectations that Jefferson, Lewis and Clark had as they went into the project, and how those expectations compared to reality.
- 4. The story of The Technology of Lewis and Clark is largely one of problemsolving: the men and woman in the expedition came up against obstacles and had to come up with solutions. Choose one of these problems and write an essay describing what the obstacles were and how the members of the expedition solved the problem.



5. Imagine you are a member of the Lewis and Clark expedition, and you are keeping a diary. What is your role in the group? What problems do you encounter? What tools do you use? How do you feel about the Native Americans you meet? What surprises you along the way? Write several fictional "diary entries" about your experiences, and cover a few different places and times of the year.



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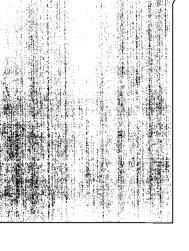
6. WINNERS' LIST: For a list of winners available after February 27, 2004, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope by March 15, 2004, to: Ideas From Our Teachers Contest Winners' List, Community Marketing, A&E Television Networks, 235 E. 45th Street, NY, NY 10017.

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Winners our ideas from our teachers contest

Reading through the hundreds of entries we receive for this competition is a particularly enjoyable and inspiring task. The creativity and enthusiasm demonstrate – in photographs, in crayon, in elaborate albums and hand-written on paper – the ability and dedication to bringing ideas alive in the classroom for a wide range of learners.

The contest is becoming more competitive, with an increasing number of teachers sending us backup materials. This gives our judges a clearer sense of the projects. Congratulations to our winners, and thanks to all of you who sent us entries.

The Invention Convention

Many schools participate in an "Invention Convention," but Lucille Case added a special layer of content for her eighth grade science class in Lake Mary, Florida. The Greenwood Lakes Middle School students watched and analyzed the documentary Eureka! The 20th Century's Top 15 Inventors on A&E. as part of a larger unit on invention. Each student studied the life of an influential inventor, created a poster about that individual, and gave an oral presentation on his or her subject. Class members completed the unit with a tool invention project. Eureka! gave Lucille's students a sense of history and personal perspective on the process of invention.

For her creative idea, Lucille Case will receive a \$500 grant. Greenwood Lakes Middle School receives A&E thanks to Time Warner Cable.

Beware the Boiling Oil!

Lorraine Dooley informed her "subjects," otherwise known as her tenth grade World History students at the Norwich Free Academy in Brooklyn, Connecticut, that their "glorious kingdom" was under attack. She therefore issued a royal decree that there would be a reward for superior castle designs. After watching Arms in Action: Castles and Sieges on The History Channel and studying historical weaponry, Lorraine's students designed castles that might withstand a medieval siege. Working in groups, they were to consider the duration of a potential siege, the size of a castle needed to house people and animals, appropriate defenses and weapons, and the best location for such a castle. The engineers then traded their designs with another group and developed an attack plan for the rival castle.

For her creative idea, Lorraine Dooley will receive a \$500 grant. The Norwich Free Academy receives The Mistory Channel thanks to Charter Communications.

Courting Benedict Arnold

The A&E drama Benedict Arnold: A Question of Honor provides the springboard for a history lesson developed by Jeffery Pearlman, an eighth grade history teacher at Beachmont School in Revere, Massachusetts. During a unit on the American Revolution, Jeffrey's class will view Benedict Arnold to get a sense of the period as well as some of the personalities involved. Primary sources also provide a window into this remarkable story. Students stage an in-class trial, acting as lawyers, judges, and witnesses for each side of a mock court case centered on Arnold's treason.

For his creative idea, Jeffery Pearlman will receive a \$500 grant. Beachmont School receives A&E thanks to Comcast.

Paths to Freedom

Did you know that students could learn about math and the Underground Railroad at the same time? Eighth graders in Marcie Abramson's class at Thurston Middle School in Westwood, Massachusetts made connections between discrete math – finding efficient and workable routes – and history by watching Save Our History: The Underground Railroad on The History Channel. Working with maps of actual routes, students were to find all possible routes to freedom, noting that all routes must only go northward. They also discussed strategizing and number patterns.

For her creative idea, Marcie Abramson will receive a \$500 grant. Thurston Middle School receives The History Channel thanks to Comcast.

Young Entrepreneurs

Students in Joan Killian's consumer economics classes learned about products and marketing in a unit on advertising. The ninth through twelfth graders at Gloucester County Alternative High School in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey first participated in a blind taste test to see whether their personal preferences were based on taste or whether they were affected by advertising. Then, after a close viewing of Empires of Industry: Cola Wars on The History Channel, Joan asked her students to invent an original product and explain how they would sell it. They described their products and determined what the age, gender, income and education levels, and geographic location of the target market might be before designing a slogan, advertisement, and marketing strategy to reach their particular market.

For her creative idea, Joan Killian will receive a \$500 grant. Gloucester County Alternative High School receives The History Channel thanks to Comcast.

April 1865

Anne Hribar uses The History Channel program April 1865 as an avenue for her junior high school students who are exploring the Civil War at Holy Cross School in Willoughby, OH. Based on the book of the same name by Jay Winik, the documentary helps her students grasp the variety of events and individuals who shaped "the month that saved America." As a group, they watch pertinent clips that Anne finds particularly relevant. Her students also read Irene Hunt's Across Five Aprils and use an interactive SMART board, enabling them to view primary sources and participate in online activities with ease. To culminate the unit, her students will create a newspaper dated April, 1865, which will include details of the war, social issues, advertisements, obituaries, and editorials.

For her creative idea, Anne Kribar will receive a \$500 grant. Holy Cross School receives The Kistory Chammel thanks to Adelphia.

Celebrating Lewis and Clark

Eighth graders in Todd Schreiner's classroom commemorated the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition with four types of creative projects. The students, appropriately enough, at the Thomas Jefferson Middle School in North swick, New Jersey, watched The Real West: s and Clark on The History Channel.

Then they chose between creating a comic strip focusing on the members of the expedition, making a scrapbook replicating the journals of Lewis and Clark, writing a journal from the perspective of an expedition member, or designing a storyboard demonstrating the expedition's travels from St. Louis to the Pacific and back. Their projects included "artifacts" from the journey, appropriate dialogue, hand drawn and computer generated visuals, and creatively "aged" journals.

For his creative idea, Todd Schreiner will receive a \$500 grant. Thomas Jefferson Middle School receives The Mistory Channel thanks to Cablevision.

Can International Cooperation Stop War?

Can students save the world from world war? Greg Matlosz's tenth-grade World History students at West Milford High School in Linden, New Jersey set out to see if they could avert World War I if they went back in time using a United Nations scenario. The students first compared The History Channel program Simon Schama's A History of Britain, footage of trench warfare, and BIOGRAPHY®: Woodrow Wilson: Reluctant Warrior. They then broke into small groups to represent countries which they researched in order to understand that country's interests, perspectives, and alliances. Following the rules of the U.N. Security Council, Greg and the "delegates" debated issues and reacted to events as they "unfolded" in the character of the country they represented. After the debates, which covered several class periods, the students wrote a short essay explaining "their" country's position on and involvement in the war.

For his creative idea, Greg Matlosz will receive a \$500 grant. West Milford High School receives The Mistory Chammel and A&E, thanks to Comcast.

For official contest rules turn to page 11.







A&Edestroom presents

A&E classroom, presents Impressionists:
van gogh & gauguin

classroom: October 13-14,

December 1-2, January 26-27

In the wake of the Impressionist painters' intense focus on light and color. Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Gauguin developed a painting style that expressed a more personal, more spiritual artistic vision. The Post Impressionists: Van Gogh and Gauguin profiles the careers of the two men and details the deep impression left by the brief period during which they lived and worked together in the South of France. It raises challenging questions about art, friendship, family, and mental illness but leaves little doubt about the monumental artistic legacy the two men left behind. A&E Classroom thanks Subaru for their support of our educational materials.



DRIVEN BY WHAT'S INSIDE" curriculum links

The Post Impressionists can be used in classes on art, art history, European history, and health science. Note to Educators: This program is appropriate for high school students. It contains some nudity, and the narrative involves discussion of prostitution and sexually transmitted diseases. Instructors are advised to preview the program before showing

objectives

After viewing this program, students should be able to identify the dominant themes and styles of the painting of Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Gauguin. to discuss the major issues and influences in the artists' lives, and the significance of their relationship with each other. In addition, students will also be prepared to discuss the effects of mental illness.

national **standards**

The Post Impressionists: Van Gogh and Gauguin fulfills the following National Standards for History for grades 5-12: chronological thinking, historical comprehension, historical analysis and interpretations.



discussion <u>question</u>

Pre-Viewing Questions:

it in the classroom.

Place Impressionism and Post-Impressionism in historical context.

- What important historical developments were taking place in the 1870s and 1880s, outside of the fine arts? What changes in politics, technology, and culture did Europeans experience in these years?
- 2. Who were the Impressionists? Where were they based? How did their work break with earlier traditions of artistic painting? What aesthetic values characterize their work? Clear, straightforward introductions are available at www.impressionism.org.

Critical Viewing Questions:

- Describe the artistic style known as Post-Impressionism, as expressed through the work of Van Gogh and Gauguin. What characteristics did it share with Impressionism? How did it diverge?
- 2. Not only does the video trace the lives of the artists over time; it also details their movements in space-geographically-from the rainy streets of Amsterdam to the sunny French countryside to the remote beaches of Tahiti. Do you think geography and climate affect an artist's work? Explain.

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discussion questions

Critical Viewing Questions (cont'd)

- 3. What effect did the artistic careers of Van Gogh and Gauguin have on their family lives? Did Gauguin's ultimate success as a painter justify his disregard for his family? Would it matter if, in the end, he had not been considered a great artist?
- 4. How do questions of mental health affect our understanding of Van Gogh's life and art? One art historian in the video urges us to look beyond Van Gogh's illness, arguing that however sick Van Gogh may have been, he was in complete control of his painting. Do you agree or disagree with this distinction? Explain. Are all artists crazy?
- 5. Discuss how art galleries and dealers affected the lives and careers of the two painters. In what ways did these artists operate outside the recognized institutions of the art world, and in what ways did they belong to this world?
- 6. During his lifetime, Gauguin struggled to make a living from his paintings, and Van Gogh sold only one canvas while he was alive. Today, however, their works sell for millions—sometimes tens of millions—of dollars. Why are some works of art worthless at one moment and highly valued later? How has the financial value of art in general changed over time? Do you think Van Gogh and Gauguin would be surprised at the large sums paid for their works today?

extended activities

GENERAL:

Draw a line dividing a page in half vertically. On the left, list five characteristics of the paintings of Vincent Van Gogh; on the right list five characteristics of the paintings of Paul Gauguin.

VISUAL ARTS:

Draw or paint a picture in the style of Van Gogh or Gauguin.

LANGUAGE ARTS:

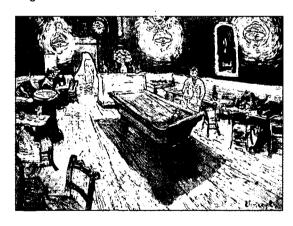
Write as detailed a description as you can about one of Van Gogh's or Gauguin's paintings.

HISTORY/ART HISTORY:

Write a timeline from 1848, the year Gauguin was born, to 1903, the year he died. In one color, write in the major events of Gauguin's life (including the period when he knew Van Gogh), and in another color, important historical events.

SCIENCE/HEALTH:

What would you do if you thought someone you knew—a friend—was mentally ill? Write a short essay describing how you think you would handle the situation. What difficulties do you think you might encounter?



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websites

The WebMuseum sites for Van Gogh & Gauguin: http://www.ibiblio.org/wm/paint/auth/gogh & http://www.ibiblio.org/wm/paint/auth/gauguin.

books

Muhlberger, Richard. What Makes a Van Gogh a Van Gogh? New York: Viking/Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1993.

Parsons, Thomas and Iain Gale.

**st-Impressionism: The Rise of Modern Art.

FRICtario: NDE Publishing, 1999.

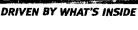
In addition, Van Gogh's and Gauguin's own writings are widely available. For example:

Van Gogh, Vincent. *The Letters of Vincent Van Gogh.* Ed. Ronald de Leeuw. London: Penguin, 1998.

Gauguin, Paul. Noa Noa: The Tahiti Journal of Paul Gauguin. Mineola, NY: Dover, 1995.

 For additional resources, visit us online at AETV.com/class

DRIVEN BY WHAT'S





Fidel Castro: El Comandante

classroom: September 16, October 20, January 28



In the years that Fidel Castro has led Cuba, ten different U. S. Presidents have sat in the Oval Office. To his supporters, Castro has been a tireless champion of the poor and downtrodden; to his critics, he stands as a malevolent dictator. *Fidel Castro: El Comandante* traces the life and career of Cuba's longstanding leader and explores the impact of his revolution on Cuba's place in world politics.



national **standards**

Fidel Castro: El Comandante fulfills the following National Standards for History for grades 5-12: chronological thinking, historical comprehension, historical analysis and interpretations.

vocabulary

Students should identify the following terms. Visit **www.merriamwebster.com** for definitions.

absolve coup dissident embargo exile guerilla quarantine

activities pre-viewing activities

 In an atlas, locate Cuba on a map. What are its closest neighbors? What are its major crops and natural resources? What is the terrain like?

curriculum links

Fidel Castro: El Comandante can be used in history, politics, and social studies classes.

Note to Educators: This program is appropriate for middle school and high school students.

objectives

After viewing this program, students should be able to identify Fidel Castro as the leader of Cuba since 1959 and discuss the following: U.S.-Cuban relations before 1959 and Cuba's history as an exploited island colony; Castro's emergence as a revolutionary leader; positive and negative changes in Cuba since his rise to power; and the ways Castro's Cuba has been shaped by the Cold War and the persistence of U.S. opposition to his government.

2. Discuss the background of the Cold War. When was it fought and how? What issues lay at the center of the conflict?

critical viewing questions

- 1. Just over one hundred miles from the United States, Cuba is roughly the size of Tennessee, with only twice Tennessee's population. Why has the United States focused so much attention on Cuba, going back at least to the late nineteenth century?
- 2. Describe Cuba's economic and political landscape in 1959, the year Castro came to power. What were Castro's primary goals at that
- time, and how have his goals and priorities changed over time?
- 3. In one of his most famous speeches, Castro declared, "Condemn me, it does not matter. History will absolve me." What did he mean by this? What were the circumstances surrounding this speech?
- **4.** How has life changed for ordinary Cubans under Castro?



activities

critical viewing questions (cont'd)

- 5. During the Cold War, Cuba was caught between two superpowers. How did Castro take advantage of this position? In what ways was he victimized by it? Was Cuba important to the Cold War? Explain.
- **6.** How did the collapse of the Soviet Union affect Castro and the Cuban economy? What challenges do Castro and Cuba face today?

for advanced students

- 8. How have Castro and Cuba influenced other anti-colonial struggles around the world? Many people, especially outside the United States, have long looked upon Castro as a hero and an inspiration. What do you think he symbolizes to such people?
- 9. Some critics have argued that rather than securing real independence for Cuba, Castro succeeded only in substituting Cuba's reliance on one foreign power with reliance on another. How did Cuba's relationship with the

- 7. American humorist Calvin Trillin once remarked, "Everything was blamed on Castro. Mudslides in California. The fact that you can't buy a decent tomato anymore. Was there an exceptionally high pollen count in Massapequa, Long Island, one day? It was Castro, exporting sneezes." Why do you think Castro has attracted such bitter and lasting criticism from many Americans? How is it different from the anti-Americanism that many Cubans feel toward the U.S.?
 - Soviet Union compare to its pre-revolutionary relationship with the United States? How do you think Castro would respond to this argument?
- 10. In April 2003, Castro sparked another firestorm of criticism by executing three men who attempted to hijack a boat to Florida. How does this act of political violence compare with repression and violence practiced by other governments? (Give examples from history or from recent events.)



extended activities

 Divide the class into two groups and stage a debate: Should the United States normalize relations with Cuba?



2. Organize a class project to compare Cuba to another island nation in the Caribbean, such as the Dominican Republic. Research and compare the two countries in the following categories: political stability; education (including literacy rates); health care (including infant mortality and life expectancy rates); freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press; and relative independence from the United States.

names & events

Bay of Pigs Che Guevara Cuban Missile Crisis Jose Martí Mariel Boatlift
Platt Amendment
26th of July Movement

websites

World History Archives – The Contemporary Political History of Cuba http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/43b/index-b.html – primary documents related to Castro, U.S.-Cuba relations, Cuban history, etc.

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Casahistoria: Castro and Cuba -

http://www.casahistoria.net/cuba.htm - critical essays on Castro, the Cuban revolution, Che Guevara, Cuba in the world, the legacy of the revolution.

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Here are some suggestions for setting up a video library:

- Create a filing system using colored stickers and assigning a different color to each subject category: red for performing arts, blue for geography, and so on.
- Write on the colored label the last date that the tape is usable in the classroom.
- Make a note on the label whether support material is available for the program. If so, store videotape together with support material in an envelope so that the whole package is readily available.

Here are some tips to make video a valuable tool for teachers:

◆ Always reset your timing indicator to "0" before you begin taping. If you are watching the program while you are taping it, make a note of the total running time

and the time of any sections to which you may wish to return. That will help you cue the tape to a section you wish to share later on. Clearly label and date the tape. You should preview the tape carefully before presenting it in class.

- ◆ Introduce the tape you are about to show. Make sure your students are familiar with the vocabulary and have at least some knowledge of the topic. Pose two or three questions and ask them to watch a few minutes of the video to learn the answers.
- Often a three-or four-minute clip is all you need to ignite your students' interest in the topic. You may dim the lights, but fully darkened rooms are not recommended (for management reasons).
- ◆ Guide your students' viewing. Don't be afraid to stop and restart the tape. For example, point out where music may be used to enhance emotion or opinion. In documentaries, help students understand the difference between an opinion expressed by an expert and a fact. This is not always clear to an audience.
- Sometimes, students may benefit from watching a clip twice, at different stages of subject comprehension.
 They will recognize how much they have learned, which can be very rewarding.
- Video may be used to introduce a new unit, to add insight and depth at the end of a unit, or as a creative springboard for research or other activities.
- For study guides, vocabulary, and activities visit HistoryChannel.com/classroom and AETV.com/class.

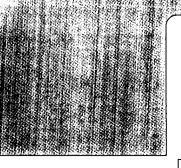
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The National Constitution Center, located on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, opened on July 4, 2003. It is the first museum in the world dedicated to honoring and explaining the U.S. Constitution and its relevance in Americans' daily lives through more than 100 interactive and multimedia exhibits, film, sculpture, photographs, text and artifacts. The Center's educational goal is to explore and inspire a broader understanding of our nation and its diverse peoples – We the People – in a variety of ways including partnerships and collaborations with national institutions and the development of curriculum materials and programs that align with national standards. The National Constitution Center anticipates that 200,000 school children will visit the museum annually. For more information about the National Constitution Center, or to arrange a group visit, please call 215.409.6600 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

The National Constitution Center values its relationship with **The History Channel**, a partnership which allows the Center's vital role as teachers about the Constitution, its history and what it means to every American today to grow.

America on the Move



AMERICA ON THE MOVE

"America on the Move" will take visitors on a journey though the history of the United States—a history shaped by transportation. Visitors will be transported back in time and immersed in the sights, sounds and sensations of transportation in the U.S. from 1876 to 1999. Among the 300 objects in the 26,000-square-foot show will be a 1950s Chicago Transit Authority mass transit car, the 260-ton, 90-foot-long "1401" locomotive and a 1903 Winton, the first car driven across the United States.

The "America on the Move" curriculum guide will be designed to bring historic images and documents into the classroom. Students will be able to examine immigration and migration across America; the relationship of cities

to their suburbs; and the role transportation played in the Civil Rights movement. Activities for grades 4-11 will allow students to develop their map-reading, visual thinking and research skills.

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