

U.S. History

Abe Lincoln: Freedom Fighter

09142,
I-H 53 min BAIY 1979
Young Abe Lincoln helps a former slave keep his freedom. A story of a time in Lincoln's life that is not well known by today's youngsters.

Abraham Lincoln

10232,
J-H 28 min BFA 1978
Presents the story of one of our country's greatest leaders and his fight to preserve our nation and individual rights during the mid-nineteenth century.

Alabama

10256,
I-J 60 min BARC 1987
Portrait of America Series - Focuses on the history of the state, including the Civil War, plantations, slavery, and the Civil Rights Movement. Especially emphasized are Selma and segregation. Rivers, farming, and natural healing remedies of the people are covered. We see that theatre also has an important role in Alabama.

All about the Statue of Liberty

09152,
I-H 12 min BYU 1985
Animated video which tells all about the Statue through hand-painted and silhouetted archival photos, engravings and collages. Tells what Lady Liberty stands for and how to care for her.

America and the World Since World War II-1976-1985 Vol. 4

10264,
H 60 min BAPC 1986
This volume looks at the period from America's bicentennial celebration to the Geneva Summit. Also included in this segment are interviews with Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, and Reagan.

America at war

53950,
I-J 30 min AID 1999
Portrait of America Series - Discusses America's reluctance to enter World War I and World War II and explains the reasons the United States did eventually enter both wars. Examines United States foreign policy during both wars and the governmental and societal pressures which influenced American military involvement.

American Civil War, The: The Causes of War

U0401,
I-M 29:53 dk 0526 1996
At a time when the North and South differed economically and socially, political compromise could no longer quell the division between the two factions. States' rights versus the constitution, tariffs, division of labor, slavery, abolitionism, and legislative mandates all led to the great war. Dramatic film scenes, colorful computer graphics, descriptive

illustrations of the period and an exciting original symphonic score propel the viewer into a time period when men and women chose a side that split America.

Andrew Jackson

10233,
J-H 28 min BFA 1978
Views all aspects of his multi-faceted life. Focuses on his role as champion of the common man.

The Arsenal

09371,
H 51 min ATLC 1973
Discusses the American way of war from colonial Williamsburg to the modern sentimental traditions of the armed forces, Roosevelt's dream of an "arsenal for democracy" is fulfilled as World War II elevates America into the world's power elite. Also discusses the United Nations Security Council, the Los Alamos Laboratories and the underground Strategic Air Command War Room.

A Bend in the River

10275,
I-H 25 min BARF 1987
An original drama set in Tennessee during the Civil War. Focuses on the myths of war and the coming to maturity of one Confederate soldier after his experiences with a Union soldier and his Confederate peers.

Better Angels of Our Nature, the - Episode Nine: 1865

10590,
J-H 68 min BAJA 1990
Civil War Series - Program begins in the bittersweet aftermath of Lee's surrender and goes on to narrate the tragic events of five days later when, on April 14th, Lincoln is assassinated. After chronicling Lincoln's funeral, the episode recounts the final days of the war, the capture of John Wilkes Booth, and the fate of the series' major characters. Episode also underscores the consequences and meaning of the war.

Booker

02291,
I-H 40 min ACWA 1984
Young Booker T. Washington wants an education more than anything, but as a slave in the waning days of the Civil War, he is prohibited by law from the schoolhouse. The war's end brings slaves their freedom but Booker's stepfather objects to schooling for Booker; he needs Booker to help out at the salt furnace. Eventually, Booker's mother convinces her husband to let Booker attend school. Later, while working as a houseboy for the wife of one of the town's wealthiest citizens, Booker receives further encouragement from this woman to continue his education.

Brother Fights Brother

10286,
I 38 min BAUL 1988
Here is the story of how and why our nation was divided by Civil War, and then reunited. Students will understand what brought on the Civil War, how it was fought, and how the nation was reconstructed. They'll also see how the Great Plains and the Great Basin were settled.

Camp David

10006,
H 60 min BAJA 1987
Takes a behind-the-scenes look at the famous presidential retreat where nine administrations made decisions that have changed the course of modern made history.

Cause, the - Episode One: 1861

10582,
J-H 99 min BAJA 1990
Civil War Series - Traces the causes of the war, rooted in the Cotton Kingdom of the South, and the northern abolitionists who opposed it. Explores the overriding issues of Union vs. states' rights and the events that precipitated the war: John Brown's raid, the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and the firing on Fort Sumter in 1861. Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Robert E. Lee, and Ulysses S. Grant are all introduced in this program, which climaxes with the disastrous Union defeat of Manassas.

Centennial for Liberty

09172,
I-H 13 min BYU 1985
Tape features original photography by Peter B. Kaplan and a narrative written by Lance Morrow with its special telling of the story of the Lady and of nearby Ellis Island.

Civil War Series

For descriptions see individual titles:

Better Angels of Our Nature, the - Episode Nine: 1865

Cause, the - Episode One: 1861
Forever Free - Episode Three: 1862

Most Hallowed Ground - Episode Seven: 1864

Simply Murder - Episode Four: 1863

Universe of Battle, the - Episode Five: 1863

Valley of the Shadow of Death - Episode Six: 1864

Very Bloody Affair, a - Episode Two: 1862

War Is All Hell - Episode Eight: 1865

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Civil War: Union at Risk

10293,
I-H 25 min AAHF 1989
This program presents the pre-Civil War differences between northern and southern states and establishes the war as a conflict over Constitutional interpretation. This video also details the events leading up to the war, the reasons the Union prevailed over the Confederacy and the after effects of the Civil War on the government and the citizenry.

The Colonial Experience

10015,
H 30 min BAJA 1987
Focuses on challenges facing the colonists, including Indian wars, wilderness farming and demands from England.

Come to the Fairs

09594,
H 55 min BAJA 1984
A Walk Through the 20th Century with Bill Moyers Series - Reveals America's expectations of the future as reflected at the nine World's Fairs hosted by the United States.

Consequences of Contact

10019,
H 30 min BAJA 1987
Explores the significance of trade and social contact between native Americans, Europeans, and Africans during the first years of our nation.

The Constitution of the U.S.

00542,,
J-H 22 min AAHF 1956
Pictures some of the historical background of the struggle by the colonies for independence and the signing of the Constitution. Includes Shay's rebelling against the tariff, the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation, and the disagreements among states. Shows how the misunderstanding between large and small states led to the establishment of a House and Senate.

Crisis of Union

10022,
H 30 min BAJA 1987
Covers the Dred Scott decision of 1857, the debate between Lincoln and Douglas and reasons why South Carolina succeeded from the Union.

Declaration of Independence by the Colonies

00556,,
J-H b&w 16 min AAHF 1956
This video relates the story of the writing and adoption of the Declaration of Independence, portraying the conditions that led American colonists to embark on a struggle for national freedom and reenacting the events in which the Declaration was adopted by the Continental Congress.

Delaware

10308,
I-J 60 min BARC 1986
Portrait of America Series - The past and present flow together in Delaware, the first state to sign the Constitution. This is America's corporate state where more than one half of the Fortune 500 companies are located. The tradition of helping one another, even in the political environment, is discussed. Homesteading and the fishing life-style are explored. The importance of hometown, tradition and a relationship to history are covered extensively. Detailed coverage of Returns Day, a party that has been held for 200 years to hear election returns is presented.

Democrat & the Dictator

09190,
H 55 min BAJA 1984
A Walk Through the 20th Century with Bill Moyers Series - Franklin D. Roosevelt and Adolf Hitler were the leaders of two of the world's most powerful countries during the late 30's and early 40's. This program studies the contrasting personalities and the similar circumstances under which they came to power.

Diversification of the Colonies

10031,
H 30 min BAJA 1987
Examines major differences among the colonies based on the founders of the area. Covers such aspects as economics, slavery, and religion.

Domesticating a Wilderness

09372,
H 52 min ATLC 1973
Discusses the Westward movement, particularly that of the Mormons and European immigrants. Covers the completion of the transcontinental railroad and the Indian struggles at Custer's Massacre and Wounded Knee.

Eighteen Ninety Eight (Pts. 1 & 2)

09400,
I-J 54 min BCDRC 1964
A dynamic exploration of the causes and effects of the Spanish-American War and the emergence of the U.S. as a world power. The nation's contrasting wealth and poverty, the clash of "imperialists" and "anti-imperialists," the last Indian battle, and the joining of the east and west by rail are all recalled in stirring film, photographs, contemporary newspapers, and paintings.

The End of an ERA

10037,
H 30 min BAJA 1987
Illustrates how weak administrative leadership failed to completely repair the divided nation following the Civil War.

English Colonization

10038,
H 30 min BAJA 1987
Examines social, political and economic difficulties faced by early English settlers in the Chesapeake bay area.

The Failure of Diplomacy

10046,
H 30 min BAJA 1987
Examines Thomas Jefferson's attempts to implement his republican principles during his presidency.

Firebell in the Night

09373,
H 52 min ATLC 1973
Discusses racial wounds which still trouble America. Describes the permanent effects of slavery.

First Impact

09374,
H 52 min ATLC 1973
Explores the mental images and myths held by immigrants arriving during the 1930's. Presents an overview of the Depression years. New Orleans, jazz, New England and Midwest.

Focus on the Constitution: The Presidency

09437,
J-H 19 min ALLIP 1986
Describes the condition which led to the establishment of the Constitution and to the office of the Presidency. Video identifies presidential powers, explains the system of checks and balances, identifies historical events and presidential actions which broadened the powers of the presidency.

Forever Free - Episode Three: 1862

10584,
J-H 76 min BAJA 1990
Civil War Series - Convinced by July 1862 that emancipation was morally and militarily crucial to the future of the Union, Lincoln is forced to wait for a Union victory to issue his proclamation-but "Stonewall" Jackson and Robert E. Lee see to it that there are no Union victories to be had. Episode Three takes viewers to the banks of Antietam Creek and the bloodiest day of the war. But the brightest day of the war follows shortly with the emancipation of the slaves.

Frightful Conflict

10054,
H 30 min BAJA 1987
Focuses on Civil War battles. Includes Bull Run, Fort Sumter, Vicksburg, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, and others.

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The Frontier Experience

01641,,
I-H 25 min ALEG 1975
Presents the fictionalized account of Delilah Fowler and her family homesteading on the Kansas frontier in 1869. Based on actual diaries of the period, this film gives a realistic view of the hardships that the early settlers must have faced. Filmed on location in Kansas, the film indicates that despite the harsh lifestyle, survival on the prairie gave the settlers the confidence to remain.

George Washington

10234,
J-H 28 min BFA 1977
Highlights personality and accomplishments of the patriot soldier who became our first president.

Gone West

09375,
H 52 min ATLC 1973
Begins with the Louisiana Purchase and traces the journeys of early explorers. Discusses Lewis and Clark, Indian wars and the Gold Rush.

Good Feelings and Bad

10059,
H 30 min BAJA 1987
Traces social, economic and foreign trends that surfaced during Andrew Jackson's presidency at the end of the War of 1812.

Grapes of Wrath

09376,
H b&w 129 min USC 1940
A chronicle of the injustice and inhumanity encountered by the Joad family in their journey from the Dust Bowl of the Depression to the "promised land" of California where they become migrant farm workers. Based on novel by John Steinbeck.

The Helping Hand

09624,
H 55 min BAJA 1984
A Walk Through the 20th Century with Bill Moyers Series - Details social welfare programs in Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal which made the Federal government a central force in the nation's recovery.

Henry Ford's American Dream

09813,
J-H 30 min ALLIP 1987
Knowzone Series - Video depicts Henry Ford as a boy tinkering with simple machines and designing a "horseless carriage" - a single cylinder engine built around a bicycle frame. As a man, he built an empire that forever altered American society and the methods of manufacturing. Examines the life of industrial genius, Henry Ford.

Home Away from Home

09377,
H 51 min ATLC 1973
Merchant adventurers and social dissenters pour in from Elizabethan England to settle America's East Coast. Regional characters with contrasting ideals evolve as Puritan, Pilgrims and Quakers struggle with the Rocky North while a landed gentry prospers in the highly productive South.

The Home Fronts

10068,
H 30 min BAJA 1987
Covers the economic and social impact of the Civil war, political problems in the North and South and Lincoln's assassination.

How Early Americans Lived

10358,
I 37 min BAUL 1988
The Story of America Series - This video program focuses on special aspects of Americans and their history. Students learn about the history of Native Americans; see what daily life was like in the thirteen colonies in the 1700s; see how frontier families lived in the 1800s; experience the life of a slave.

Huddled Masses

09378,
H 49 min ATLC 1973
Explores the non-English origins of the immigration movements. Covers the period from the Civil War to the turn of the century.

Inherit the Wind

09380,
H b&w 99 min CNGP 1983
Dramatization of famous "monkey trial" in a small town in Tennessee, pitting Clarence Darrow against William Jennings.

Inheritance

09379,
H b&w 45 min USC 1965
Documentary celebrates the spirit of the immigrants who became the backbone of the American labor movement.

Inventing a Nation

09381,
H 52 min ATLC 1973
Covers the decade it took to hammer out a constitution. Describes the secret Independence Hall debates involving Hamilton, Mason and Madison.

Jackson Years, the: Toward Civil War

01493,,
H 28 min ALEG 1970
Chronicles the major events and policies of Andrew Jackson's presidency. Concludes that, although Jackson exercised presidential power to an unprecedented degree, he

seemed unable to deal with the issue that would lead to internal war-slavery.

John Adams

10236,
J-H 28 min BFA 1978
Chronicles the life of the first vice-president and second president of the United States.

John Adams (Pts. 1 & 2)

01182,,
J-H b&w 50 min
Dramatizes John Adams' decision to defend the British soldiers accused of murder at the Boston Massacre. In opposition to popular suspicions and prejudices, he insists that the right of the accused to a fair trial, under law, is essential to the American cause.

Keep the Torch Lit

09238,
I-H 10 min BYU 1985
Combines three of the vignettes from "One-Hundred Years of Liberty" with Lee Iacocca speaking from the Great Hall on Ellis Island.

Knowzone Series

For descriptions see individual titles:
Henry Ford's American Dream

Korean War: The Untold Story

08303,
J-H 34 min NFB 1988
Brings the powerful and poignant story of this forgotten conflict told by some of the courageous men who fought in Korea. You learn the history of American involvement with south Korea and see some of the authentic battle footage from the war.

Liberty: The Legacy of the Magna Carta

08315,
J-H 10 min BAJA 1987
Introduces the principles of this lasting document of liberty. Originally written in 1215, the influence of these social and legal commitments still exists.

Lure of Empire, The: America Debates Imperialism, 1898-1901

01656,,
H 27 min ALEG 1973
What shall be done with the Philippines? The film centers on a reenactment of the debate in Congress for these islands gained by chance during the Spanish-American war. In the Philippines, Filipino leader, General Emilio Aquinaldo argues with the American military for the freedom promised his people by the United States for their cooperation in the war against Spain. Disaster is the outcome when a Filipino insurrection is brutally put down. A congressional committee is formed to investigate the atrocities, and two young soldiers nervously describe the destruction of the village of La Nog. However, the forces for annexation are victorious, and America takes her place among

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the world powers in a race for commercial and territorial expansion.

Mackinac Bridge Diary

09245,
J-H 30 min CNPR 1986
Video presents a historical review of Michigan's lumber and logging industries, copper mining, Soo Canal, Straits of Mackinac, and ferry systems crossing Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. Originally, the very idea of a bridge to connect the Upper and Lower peninsulas was considered an impossibility. Numerous ideas and methods of overcoming the four mile water barrier are mentioned in detail. The video also discusses funding and legislation in the creation of the Mackinac Bridge Authority in 1950. Actual film footage of the massive construction and completion of the Mackinac Bridge is shown.

The Magic of Mackinac

10599,
P-H 30 min CLAG 1987
See selected features in full color accompanied by an original music sound track and narration. Includes tourist highlights, Fort Mackinac, John Astor's fur trading headquarters, Mission church, the Governor's summer residents, the Dr. Beaumont Memorial and arch rock along with aerial photography.

Making a Revolution

09383,
H 52 min ATLC 1973
Explains that the diverse colonies drew together in common complaints against England, Blunders in London, inept colonial governors and costly British frontier ward drained the colonists and pushed them to fight-a pragmatic struggle fired not by ideologies, but by the character of men such as Washington, Jefferson and Henry. Traces our tradition of turning to arms in the face of trouble.

Manifest Destiny

10102,
H 30 min BAJA 1987
Examines the Mexican-American war and its outcome.

Michigan-Portrait of America

09479,
I-H 47 min CAPI 1987
Portrait of America Series - Narrated by Hal Holbrook, this documentary is part of the award-winning Portrait of America Series produced for nationwide television broadcast. The theme of this program is the cyclical character of the State; the decline and renewal of Michigan's economy, natural resources, cities and industries are featured in five segments.

Molders of Troy (Pts. 1 & 2)

08342,
J-H 90 min BAJA 1980
Depicts an Irish working class family caught up in the struggle between

competing ethnic and class interests during the beginning of the American Industrial Revolution.

Money on the Land

09384,
H 52 min ATLC 1973
Outlines the growth of cities in the West and Midwest. Discusses contributions to the growth of the United States made by such persons as Edison, McCormick and Drake.

More Perfect Union, a (Pt. 7)

08352,
J-H 40 min AAHF 1987
A More Perfect Union Series - Contains news reports discussing life in Revolutionary War America, key debates of the Constitutional Convention, and the Bill of Rights.

A More Perfect Union Series

For descriptions see individual titles:
More Perfect Union, a (Pt. 7)

Most Hallowed Ground - Episode Seven: 1864

10588,
J-H 72 min BAJA 1990
Civil War Series - Abraham Lincoln and George McClellan become political opponents in the 1864 election. With Grant stymied at Petersburg and Sherman stalled at Atlanta, opinion in the North has turned strongly against the war. Victories at Mobile Bay, Atlanta and the Shenandoah Valley, however, tilt the election to Lincoln, and the Confederacy's last hope for independence dies. Lee's estate at Arlington, Virginia becomes Arlington National Cemetery.

The New Found Land

09386,
H 52 min ATLC 1973
Introduces the discovery of America. Describes America as it may have been before the coming of the White man. Examines reasons for early exploration, including the voyages of Columbus. Studies the Spanish conquests and the cruel treatment of the Indians.

A New Society

10116,
H 30 min BAJA 1987
Examines how new freedoms in travel, government, and education brought about changes in the colonies.

On the Trail of Lewis & Clark

08370,
J-H 34 min BORU 1986
The narrator, Don Cooper, traces the path taken by Lewis & Clark in search of a highway to the west. Challenges presented by the topography, animals and vegetation that once abundantly lived on the prairie, folklore of the region, and the natural beauty of the

landscape as it was then and now, will be encountered.

One-Hundred Years of Liberty

09265,
I-H 29 min BYU 1985
Program introduces ten Americans who tell the meaning of the Statue of Liberty in their lives. Interweaves their stories, singular though hardly unique, with the story of the Statue as she has presided for a century over a nation free and proud to pursue all of the American dreams.

Our Family Works Together (2nd Ed.)

Pilgrim Journey

09865,
P-I 24 min BOXS 1986
Presents an account of the Mayflower as seen through the eyes of a young girl. Brings to life the courageous days of the Pilgrims and their pursuit of a dream.

The Pilgrims

00774,,
I-H b&w 22 min AAHF 1955
Presents a dramatization of the search for a home by the English Pilgrims. Describes the Pilgrims and their problems in England, their flight to Holland, and their subsequent discontent there which led to their trip to America. Portrays the hardships and the illness that plagued the Pilgrims through the winter, shows the coming of spring, and depicts the first Thanksgiving which resulted from aid by friendly Indians.

Pioneers! O Pioneers!

09937,
H 60 min AAAF
This phrase from Walt Whitman evokes the spirit behind the evolution of American English from the Revolutionary War through the 1920's.

Pledge & the Anthem: Behind the Words

09488,
P-I 17 min ADAR 1986
Social groups and organizations, as well as nations, use words and music to express their feelings of unity and loyalty. People make pledges for many reasons. People express strong feelings through singing. We see how our National Anthem was written and the reason for its words. We also learn who wrote our Pledge of Allegiance and why. Understanding the meaning behind these two important symbols of our national pride gives us a better appreciation of what they stand for.

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Plymouth Colony: The First Year

00776,,
I-J b&w 16 min ALLIP 1961
Dramatizes the first year of the Plymouth Plantation settlement as well as the religious trouble of the Separatists. Depicts the Separatists religion, the life of Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower, the signing of the Mayflower Compact, the choice of the site, and the hardships of the winter. As the colony survived the winter, Indian trade was established. The Indians helped their new friends to learn the planting of corn and how to catch fish. Upon firm establishment of the colony, the Mayflower returned to England.

Portrait of America Series

For descriptions see individual titles:

Alabama
America at war
Delaware
Michigan-Portrait of America
Virginia

The Problems of Confederation

10134,
H 30 min BAJA 1987
Covers critical differences which needed to be resolved after deciding to fight for independence. Includes such issues as banking, navigation, and religion.

Promise Fulfilled & the Promise Broken

09388,
H 52 min ATLC 1973
Discusses the events after World War I that helped shape the 1920's. Covers the Model-T, Woodrow Wilson, mail-order catalogs and finally the stock market crash.

Puritan Family of New England

01082,,
P-J b&w 11 min ALLIP 1955
Through a letter from Giles Phipps to a friend in England, students learn what life was like for a Puritan family in a small New England coastal village. children help with the chores, study from a hornbook, dig clams, spin, and weave wool; mother cooks and makes soap and candles, while father hunts and dresses skins; an Indian friend introduces them all to a new kind of "corn that pops."

A Puritan Way

10137,
H 30 min BAJA 1987
Discusses the social, political, economics ideals of the Puritans and how they influenced the future American lifestyle.

Rebel Slave

09498,
I-H 24 min BOXS 1986
The Battle of Gettysburg provides the backdrop that frames the turning point in a young slave boy's life as he

wrestles with his feelings of love, loyalty, courage and conscience in his effort to understand the meaning of freedom.

Reconstructing the South

10143,
H 30 min BAJA 1987
Examines Andrew Johnson's efforts to reunite the nation following the Civil War.

Reforming the Republic

10144,
H 30 min BAJA 1987
Explores changes brought about by reform movements during Andrew Jackson's administration. Covers the Transcendentalist and Utopian movements.

Reluctant World Power

09389,
H 29 min USC 1973
America's participation in two world wars and its futile attempts at isolationism between these conflicts are portrayed. Includes Wilson's efforts to keep America out of war, the Senate's rejection of the Versailles Treaty, the rise of dictatorships and the collapse of economic security in the 20's and 30's and the dilemma of a "neutral" America facing a world at war prior to the awakening shock of Pearl Harbor.

A Revolution for Independence

10147,
H 30 min BAJA 1987
Explores the significance of the Revolution for women, slaves, Indians, loyalists and the American family.

Rise of the Industrial Giants

09390,
H 26 min ALTG 1986
Spotlights the rise of trusts and monopolies and the powerful group of men that controlled the nearly industrialized and urbanized America.

Roosevelt & the New Deal

09391,
H 20 min AAAF 1982
The Depression in America rapidly reached a crisis. By 1932, ten million people were out of work with none of the welfare programs of today. When Franklin Delano Roosevelt became President in 1933, he began a vast number of programs under the title "The New Deal" to try to solve the situation.

Simply Murder - Episode Four: 1863

10585,
J-H 62 min BAJA 1990
Civil War Series - Program chronicles three important battles: Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Vicksburg. Lee loses his "right-hand man," "Stonewall" Jackson, and some northerners voice strong opposition to the Emancipation Proclamation.

Statue of Liberty

02332,
P-J 13 min BYU
Film discusses the history and symbolism of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island as well as the efforts of the Centennial Commissions' restoration campaign.

The Story of America Series

For descriptions see individual titles:

How Early Americans Lived
The United States Is Born

Struggle for Dominance

10172,
H 30 min BAJA 1987
Illustrates how the French and Indian War altered the balance of colonial power in favor of the British crown.

Technology in America: The Age of Invention

09898,
I-H 18 min ALLIP 1987
Video is an overview of important inventions and how they have affected American life.

Thomas Jefferson

10237,
J-H 28 min BFA 1978
Presents the complete life story of this brilliant author of the Declaration of Independence. Illustrates how he built the foundation for your democracy.

The Twenties

09721,
H 55 min BAJA 1984
A Walk Through the 20th Century with Bill Moyers Series - Remembers a decade that roared with cars, the Charleston and ended with the stock market crash.

Two Crusades (1930-1945)

09392,
H 60 min CNGP 1979
The Depression and World War II, the two greatest crises to confront the country since the Civil War.

Unfinished Business

09908,
H 60 min CRWCA 1985
Documentary shows the plight of Japanese-Americans during World War II. Deals with constitutional issues, Supreme Court decisions involving three victims and the current struggle to have these wrongs corrected.

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The United States Is Born

10538,
J-H 30 min BAUL 1988
The Story of America Series - This video program explains the birth of our nation: how the English Colonies grew away from England, why the Revolutionary War was fought, and how the Constitution was written. It explores such factors as the financial reasons that led to war; the major military campaigns; and the problems of the newly confederated nation.

Universe of Battle, the - Episode Five: 1863

10586,
J-H 95 min BAJA 1990
Civil War Series - Program opens with the Battle of Gettysburg in July of 1863. Other important events of this milestone year include the fall of Vicksburg, the New York City draft riots, the first use of black troops, the western battles of Chickamauga and Chattanooga, and the dedication of the Union Cemetery at Gettysburg.

Valley Forge: Young Spy

09526,
J-H 24 min BOXS 1986
Twelve-year-old Josh is a young farm boy sent to George Washington's camp to spy for the British; but he comes to understand the ideals for which the American "rebels" are suffering in the bitter winter of Valley Forge, and he becomes friends with a young soldier who has earlier raided Josh's family farm. Josh himself joins the Continental Army.

Valley of the Shadow of Death - Episode Six: 1864

10587,
J-H 70 min BAJA 1990
Civil War Series - Beginning with a biographical comparison of Grant and Lee, program chronicles the series of battles that pitted the two generals against each other in 1864. With casualties mounting, Grant and Lee are deadlocked at Petersburg. The program also takes viewers to the ghastly hospitals of North and South and follows Sherman's army through the mountains north of Atlanta. Lincoln faces re-election in the midst of the war.

Very Bloody Affair, a - Episode Two: 1862

10583,
J-H 69 min BAJA 1990
Civil War Series - Begins with the political infighting that threatens Lincoln's administration and then follows General George McClellan's ill-fated campaign on the Virginia Peninsula. Viewers witness the battle of iron clad ships, partake of camp life, watch slavery begin to crumble, and take part in the bloody battle of Shiloh.

Virginia

10545,
I-J 60 min BARC 1985
Portrait of America Series - The home of eight presidents, Virginia is a state proud of its heritage and its many contributions to the nation. The video focuses on the Civil War, a look at past cultures, old traditions and modern life-styles. Working and living in small towns in Virginia are explored.

A Walk Through the 20th Century with Bill Moyers Series

For descriptions see individual titles:

Come to the Fairs
Democrat & the Dictator
The Helping Hand
The Twenties

War Is All Hell - Episode Eight: 1865

10589,
J-H 69 min BAJA 1990
Civil War Series - Program begins with William Tecumseh Sherman's March to the Sea, which spells the end of the Confederacy. In March, following Lincoln's inauguration, Petersburg and Richmond fall to Grant's army; and at Appomattox Court House, viewers witness the dramatic surrender of Lee to Grant. Episode ends in Washington, where John Wilkes Booth begins to dream of vengeance for the South.

Warring and Roaring

09394,
H 60 min CNGP 1978
America's involvement in World War I causes tremendous changes in our society.

Witches of Salem, the: The Horror and the Hope

10592,
J-H 34 min ALEG 1972
This video shows how the hysterical behavior of a few young girls set off the Salem witchcraft trials of 1692.

World at War: Barbarossa

09395,
H 52 min USC 1981
World at War Series - Master now of most of Europe including the Balkans, Germany turns against Russia. The early stages consist of the devastating German victories as the Panzers sweep over the Red Army deep into Russia. The German High Command delays, and the advance falters a few kilometers from Moscow when the mud and the fierce cold of winter begin to take a grip.

World at War: Reckoning

09396,
H 52 min USC 1981
World at War Series - Under the provisions of the Yalta Agreement, Germany is divided into zones controlled by the various occupying armies; but by the summer of 1945, East-West tensions are increasing.

When Japan surrenders, the U.S. decides that the occupation forces will be American. Hoping to speed Japan's recovery and entry into the U.S. orbit, MacArthur begins the task of remaking Japan in the American image.

World at War: Red Star

09397,
H 52 min USC 1981
World at War Series - Twenty million Russians were killed in the war against Hitler's army. Reflections of a survivor of the 890 day siege of Leningrad bears witness to Russia's lonely war against Germany. The Soviet forces survive the invasion and, with the help of the Russian winter, break the German assault and rout Hitler's forces.

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For descriptions see individual titles:

World at War: Barbarossa
World at War: Reckoning
World at War: Red Star

World War I: Background Tensions 1870-1914

09106,
J-H 13 min ALLIP 1983
When Archduke Ferdinand was assassinated at Sarajevo, European tensions were stretched tightly. Nobody wanted war, but everyone had a grievance. One by one, leaders gave in to war while discussing peace. Newly acquired footage gives film a sense of immediacy and conveys the sense of importance to the events between Sarajevo and the start of World War I.

Yankee Doodle Cricket

09951,
P-I 26 min BBBS 1976
Tells how a clever cat, merry mouse, and musical cricket composed "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and helped Jefferson write the Declaration of Independence.

You May Call Her Madam Secretary

08509,
J-H 57 min CASB 1988
Frances Perkins, the first woman to hold high public office as the Secretary of Labor (1933-45), was a leading social reformer, a driving force behind protective laws on which our lives depend, and an inspiring figure in American and women's history.