

TWC's Education Connection Issue #30 April 2003

Time Warner Cable's online guide to cable programming for the classroom

Dear Educator:

The April issue of Time Warner Cable's education newsletter, TWC's Education Connection, features unique Cable in the Classroom Educational Projects for teachers, students and parents.

The purpose of this newsletter is to update you on the current Cable in the Classroom programming that is available for you to videotape for use in your classroom. Website addresses are provided for downloading lesson plans. Please forward TWC's Education Connection to any colleagues you know who would find this information useful. For more information on CIC or questions about this newsletter, contact

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Educators' Ideas and Newsletter Comments

Do you have a favorite educational website you would like to share with other educators? We would like to hear from you. Please e-mail your favorite website with a description of it to eric.kantor@twcable.com. If your submission is chosen, it will be featured in a future edition of TWC's Education Connection.

<http://cela.albany.edu>

Elizabeth Close, Director of Educational Outreach with the National Research Center on English Learning & Achievement at the University at Albany, wants to make teachers aware of the resources available from their website. For 15 years, CELA has been working to share its research with educators, professional developers and policymakers.

Upcoming AOL@SCHOOL Themes

Each week, AOL@SCHOOL centers its highlights on a theme of educational interest to you and your students. Take a look at what is coming up each Saturday in the weeks to come. Keep an eye out for the upcoming package of resources on Women's History.

<http://school.aol.com>

April 5 Money

April 12 Space

April 19 Earth and the Environment

April 26 The World of Insects

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<http://school.aol.com/order/index.adp>

Conflict in Iraq

Keep students current with the events in the Middle East with AOL@SCHOOL's special War with Iraq feature. The feature package has resources to help students and teachers follow the events and understand what's happening, including the latest news, lesson plans, projects, pictures and much more.

<http://school.aol.com/features/special1.adp>

Special CIC Educational Programs and Websites for Teachers

A&E Classroom

Biography Special: The Lost Generation

Enriched by interviews with Jack Hemingway, George Plimpton and others, this two-part program profiles a group of writers in 1920s Paris, including F. Scott Fitzgerald, John Dos Passos, Ezra Pound, Gertrude Stein, and Ernest Hemingway, who found the path to literary greatness.

Part 1 of 2 airs April 7 at 7am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

Part 2 of 2 airs April 8 at 7am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0571.html

Biography: Ernest Hemingway: Wrestling with Life

Using rarely seen footage, private letters, unpublished works, and interviews, this two-part program explores the life and work of the author.

Part 1 of 2 airs April 9 at 7am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

Part 2 of 2 airs April 10 at 7am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0394.html

F. Scott Fitzgerald: The Great American Dreamer

This program features interviews with family members, friends, and contemporary authors to profile the American writer who epitomized the Jazz Age in novels such as *The Great Gatsby*.

Airs April 11 at 7am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0074.html

Ape Man: The Story of Human Evolution

The Human Puzzle

This episode traces evolution from the dinosaur era through the dramatic events that led to the beginning of human development.

Part 1 of 4 airs April 14 at 7am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0013.html

Giant Strides

This episode explains how humans began to walk upright and use tools and fire, and why it is believed that all humans can trace their ancestry back to a single African woman who lived more than 200,000 years ago.

Part 2 of 4 airs April 15 at 7am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0013.html

All in the Mind

This episode explains why the development of complex speech was an advantage for early humans and why the post-Neanderthal developed sculpture, painting and decorative tools.

Part 3 of 4 airs April 16 at 7am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0013.html

Science and Fiction

This episode looks at the beliefs of those who reject evolution on the basis of religious teachings. It also explores the controversy surrounding the famous Piltdown "missing link" hoax, as well as theories that place human origins in Asia, not Africa. Part 4 of 4.

Part 4 of 4 airs April 17 at 7am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0013.html

A&E Classroom

Victoria and Albert

Starring Victoria Hamilton and Jonathan Firth, this 2001 four-part original film tells the true story of the remarkable union of England's Queen Victoria and Germany's Prince Albert.

Part 1 of 4 airs April 21 at 7am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

Part 2 of 4 airs April 22 at 7am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

Part 3 of 4 airs April 23 at 7am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

Part 4 of 4 airs April 24 at 7am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0814.html

Vanity Fair

This 1998 six-part film adaptation of William Makepeace Thackeray's novel about social climbing during the Napoleonic Wars stars Natasha Little and Nathaniel Parker.

Part 1 of 6 airs April 25 at 7am A&E Network (1:00)

Part 2 of 6 airs April 28 at 7am A&E Network (1:00)

Part 3 of 6 airs April 29 at 7am A&E Network (1:00)

http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0337.html

Bravo in the Classroom

J.D. Salinger

Featuring interviews with a broad range of the author's friends and colleagues, including biographer Paul Alexander and former girlfriend Joyce Maynard, this program profiles the famous literary recluse.

Airs April 1 at 6am ET. Bravo (1:00)

http://www.bravotv.com/classroom/index.php?page=january_2003&profile=20030123_salinger

Page to Screen: Cider House Rules

Featuring behind-the-scenes footage; interviews with authors, filmmakers, actors and critics; and clips from the films, this series explores the process of turning a novel into a film.

Airs April 9 at 6am ET. Bravo (1:00)

http://www.bravotv.com/classroom/index.php?page=april_2003&profile=20030409_ciderhouse

Charles Mingus

Featuring rarely seen film clips, photographs, radio broadcasts and private interviews, this program profiles the complex jazz bassist.

Airs April 15 at 6am ET. Bravo (1:00)

http://www.bravotv.com/classroom/index.php?page=november_2002&profile=20021119_mingus

Peter Martins

This program follows the dancer, choreographer and New York City Ballet master-in-chief from rehearsal to performance.

Airs April 29 at 6am ET. Bravo (1:00)

http://www.bravotv.com/classroom/index.php?page=april_2003&profile=20030429_martins

Disney Channel Classroom

Confident for Life: Kids and Body Image

Designed specifically for kids and tweens, this documentary explores the relationship between body image and self-esteem as well as the influence of peers and the media on self-worth.

Airs April 2 at 3am ET. Disney Channel (1:00)

<http://psc.disney.go.com/disneychannel/cableintheclassroom/>

Lizzy McGuire: Inner Beauty

This program looks at some of the causes of eating disorders in kids and considers how the pressure to succeed can sometimes trigger these disorders.

Airs April 2 at 4am ET. Disney Channel (0:30)

<http://psc.disney.go.com/disneychannel/cableintheclassroom/>

Assignment Discovery

Israel and Palestine: Fight for Peace

This program explores the obstacles that have prevented Israel and Palestine from resolving their decades-old dispute, including border disputes, refugees, settlers, terrorism and years of distrust and bloodshed.

Airs April 1 at 9am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

http://www.school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/ispal_peace/

The Cuban Missile Crisis

Featuring archival footage and interviews with former Soviet naval commanders and former White House aides, this program looks at the events of 1962 that brought the world perilously close to nuclear war.

Airs April 2 at 9am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

<http://www.school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/cubanmissile/>

Watergate

This program explores the details and consequences of the Watergate scandal, including the burglary of the Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington, D.C., the identity of the informant known as Deep Throat, and the missing 18 1/2 minutes of President Richard Nixon's secret tapes.

Airs April 3 at 9am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

<http://www.school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/watergate/>

Forensics: Who Killed the Iceman?

Forensic scientists join archaeologists to investigate and reconstruct the death of a 5,350-year-old frozen mummy, whose remains were discovered in the Italian Alps.

Airs April 4 at 9am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

<http://www.school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/iceman/>

Conquistadors

Hernán Cortés

Chronicling Cortés' takeover of the Aztec city of Tenochtitlan, this episode explains how Aztec prophecies, disease, and a Mayan woman named Malinali helped the conquistadors.

Part 1 of 3 airs April 14 at 9am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/cortes/>

Francisco Pizarro

This episode chronicles how Pizarro's search for El Dorado led to the fall of the Inca Empire and colonization of cities in Peru.

Part 2 of 3 airs April 15 at 9am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/pizarro/>

Inca Rebellion

This episode recounts the last attempt by the Inca to recapture their pride and ancestral lands from Spanish rule. Part 3 of 3.

Part 3 of 3 airs April 16 at 9am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/incarebellion/>

Amazing Destinations

Peru & Brazil

This episode visits some unique locations of cultural, geographical and historical significance in these South American nations, including the Brazilian federal state of Bahia, where steps were taken that led to the construction of modern-day Brazil, and Machu Picchu, home to remains of the ancient Incan civilization.

Airs April 17 at 9am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/mapsouthamerica/>

Caribbean & Mexico

This episode travels to various locations in Mexico and the Caribbean, including the Yucatan Peninsula, home to legendary cities and modern settlements; Campeche, the city of the conquistadors; and the nature reserves of Quintana Roo.

Airs April 17 at 9:30am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/us-cuba/>

Discover Magazine

The Earliest Immigrants

This episode features an anthropologist who is overturning accepted notions of who the first Americans were, pushing the estimated date of the first migration back 14,000 years.

Airs April 18 at 9am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/earliestimmigrants/>

The Real Story of Jamestown

This episode explores the archaeological investigations at Jamestown, a nearly failed American colony that was settled by the English in 1606.

Airs April 18 at 9:30am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/artifacts/>

Lewis and Clark: A Scientific Journey

Uncovering more than 600 historic campsites, this program chronicles the journey of the two men who were assigned the task of exploring the vast wilderness of the Louisiana Purchase.

Airs April 21 at 9am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/lewisclark/>

Polar Expeditions

This program recounts how Robert Peary, James Cook, Roald Amundsen and Robert Scott explored the unforgiving frozen regions of the North and South Poles.

Airs April 22 at 9am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/polarexpeditions/>

Viking Discoveries

Chronicling Viking expansion across the Atlantic Ocean and Europe, this program commemorates the 1,000th anniversary of Leif Ericson's trans-Atlantic voyage from Iceland to Newfoundland.

Airs April 23 at 9am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/vikingdiscoveries/>

The Future of the Milky Way

Featuring dramatic animation, this program explores the origins of the Milky Way galaxy, including the search for a massive black hole believed to be at its core.

Airs April 25 at 9am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/milkyway/>

Assignment Discovery Great Books

Dante's Inferno

Featuring interviews with leading experts and visualizations of crucial passages, this program explores the meaning and timelessness of Dante's medieval work.

Airs April 28 at 9am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/dantesinferno/>

Kafka's Metamorphosis

This episode explores the story of alienation, paranoia, and bureaucracy that gave rise to the term Kafkaesque, which is still used to define life in the 21st century.

Airs April 28 at 9:30am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/kafka/>

Tales of Edgar Allan Poe

Featuring interviews with horror writers and directors, this episode reveals the tragic true-life story of the writer whose works include "The Pit and the Pendulum," "The Fall of the House of Usher" and "The Tell-Tale Heart."

Airs April 29 at 9am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/poe/>

Wuthering Heights

This episode examines the parallels between the life of reclusive English author Emily Brontë and her saga of thwarted passion and cruelty.

Airs April 29 at 9:30am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/wutheringheights/>

History Classroom

Save Our Sounds

This program explores the efforts of the Smithsonian Institution and the Library of Congress to preserve a variety of sounds, including Native American rituals, oral histories of slaves and other recordings of the past.

Airs April 4 at 6am ET. History Channel (1:00)

<http://www.historychannel.com/saveourhistory/>

The Rockies

[http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-](http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0410.html)

[bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0410.html](http://www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0410.html)

Great Explorers

This episode looks at early explorers of the Rockies, including Lewis and Clark, Major John Wesley Powell and Ferdinand Hayden.

Part 1 of 4 airs April 7 at 6am ET. History Channel (1:00)

Striking It Rich

This episode examines how fortunes were made in the Rockies, with a look at the gold-rush boomtown of Denver, Colo.; a multimillion-dollar silver empire; and the founding of the Coors beer brewery.

Part 2 of 4 airs April 8 at 6am ET. History Channel (1:00)

War and Disaster

This episode recounts historic events that took place in the Rockies, including the flight of the Nez Percé tribe, the Mormon War of 1857, and the Montana copper-mine fire. Part 3 of 4.

Part 3 of 4 airs April 9 at 6am ET. History Channel (1:00)

Taming the Mountains

This episode explores how railroads, highways, vacation resorts, and ski lodges made the Rockies accessible to Americans and looks at the technological advances that enabled humans to carve pathways through the mountains. Part 4 of 4.

Part 4 of 4 airs April 10 at 6am ET. History Channel (1:00)

The Mighty Mississippi

[http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-](http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0165.html)

[bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0165.html](http://www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0165.html)

Born of the Ice Age

This episode looks at the river from its origins in the Ice Age to its pivotal role in both the Louisiana Purchase and the War of 1812.

Part 1 of 4 airs April 14 at 6am ET. History Channel (1:00)

Steamboats a' Comin'!

This episode examines what 19th-century life was like on the river, how farmers in both the North and South benefited from their proximity to the river, and how the steamboat helped create a population boom in port cities.

Part 2 of 4 airs April 15 at 6am ET. History Channel (1:00)

War Along the River

This episode looks at several Civil War battles fought along the banks of the river and how life changed there after the Battle of Vicksburg. .

Part 3 of 4 airs April 16 at 6am ET. History Channel (1:00)

America's River

This episode looks at the massive changes along the river after Reconstruction, including the floods of the 1920s and 1930s, and offers an overview of today's activity on the river.

Part 4 of 4 airs April 17 at 6am ET. History Channel (1:00)

The Missouri: A Journey with Stephen Ambrose

This program follows the historian along the Missouri River from St. Louis, Mo., to Three Forks, Mont., retracing the route taken by Lewis and Clark as they explored lands acquired in the Louisiana Purchase.

Airs April 18 at 6am ET. History Channel (1:00)

[http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-](http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0325.html)

[bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0325.html](http://www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0325.html)

Time Machine: Boone and Crockett: The Hunter Heroes

Featuring commentary from historians and reenactments, this two-part program profiles pioneers Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett, who blazed early paths to the West and became American heroes who represented the common man.

Part 1 of 2 airs April 23 at 6am ET. History Channel (1:00)

Part 2 of 2 airs April 24 at 6am ET. History Channel (1:00)

[http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-](http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0653.html)

[bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0653.html](http://www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0653.html)

CNN Classroom

Hispanic Power: Beyond the Numbers

This website offers profiles of important Hispanic Americans, articles with discussion questions, an interactive section that includes Latin music and a quiz from the U.S. Census Bureau, and links to additional related resources and stories.

<http://fyi.cnn.com/fyi/interactive/specials/hispanic/index.html>

ESPN SportsFigures

Terminal Velocity/The Spin Doctor Is In

Discussing the laws of physics and acceleration, street luger Darren Lott explains how he can reach his terminal velocity; figure skater Sasha Cohen explains conservation laws, angular momentum, and rotational inertia.

Airs April 7 at 5:30am ET. ESPN2 (0:30)

http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_terminal_velocity.jsp?iAm=null

http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_spin_doctor.jsp?iAm=null

Running with Momentum/Tracking Speed

Football running back Napoleon Kaufman demonstrates momentum; decathlon athlete Dan O'Brien illustrates speed and acceleration.

Airs April 14 at 5:30am ET. ESPN2 (0:30)

http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_running_momentum.jsp?iAm=null

http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_tracking_speed.jsp?iAm=null

Elastic Racquet/In Golf Gravitass

Tennis player Chanda Rubin explores elastic energy; golfer Brad Faxon discusses various principles of energy.

Airs April 21 at 5:30am ET. ESPN2 (0:30)

http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_elastic_racket.jsp?iAm=null

http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_golf_gravitas.jsp?iAm=null

That Mu You Do/Inline Inertia

NASCAR driver Jeff Gordon explains friction; inline skating champion Jenny Curry illustrates the difference between weight and mass.

Airs April 28 at 5:34am ET. ESPN2 (0:30)

http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_mu_do.jsp?iAm=null

http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_inline_inertia.jsp?iAm=null

The Weather Classroom

Winter Weather

Studying the colder months of the year to cover the basics of winter storms, this episode examines lake-effect snow, freezing points, sleet, freezing rain, snow and ice.

Airs April 14 and 17 at 4am ET. The Weather Channel (0:30)

<http://www.weather.com/education/wxclass/winterweather/winterweatherlessonplan.html>

Careers in Meteorology

Featuring guest meteorologists who explain how they got started, this episode examines the variety of career paths for students interested in meteorology and looks at the future of the field.

Airs April 21 and 24 at 4am ET. The Weather Channel (0:30)

<http://www.weather.com/education/wxclass/careers/careerslessonplan.html>

Weather and Geography

This episode explores erosion, winds, wildfires, the effects of weather on geology, the effects of water and altitude on weather, the types of storms that happen over different kinds of terrain, and more.

Airs April 28 at 4am ET. The Weather Channel (0:30)

<http://www.weather.com/education/wxclass/lessonplans/geographylessonplan.html>

BET on Learning

Naked Truth

This program (edited for the classroom) features a group of young African American men from various regions and backgrounds discussing the implications of teenage sexuality, HIV and AIDS, peer pressure, and the media's role in promoting premarital sex. Mature subject matter.

Airs April 27 at 3am ET. Black Entertainment Television (0:30)

<http://www.affiliatekit.com/networks/bet/bet/4cop/classroomconnection/index.html>

Educational Programs with Websites for Teachers, Parents and Students

Lifetime Classroom

Intimate Portrait: Gloria Steinem

Narrated by Goldie Hawn and featuring interviews with the feminist leader's family and friends, this program profiles Steinem, from her troubled childhood through her career as a writer and founder of Ms. magazine and the Ms. Foundation for Women.

Airs April 2 at 4am ET. Lifetime (1:00)

http://www.lifetimetv.com/community/olc/cable/bio_steinem.html

Intimate Portrait: Madeleine Albright

Featuring an interview with Hillary Rodham Clinton, this program profiles the first woman to become U.S. Secretary of State.

Airs April 9 at 4am ET. Lifetime (1:00) http://www.lifetimetv.com/shows/ip/portraits/0016/0016_index.html

Court TV Choices and Consequences

Exploring the Case for Character Education: A Dialogue with First Lady Laura Bush

This program features First Lady Laura Bush discussing the importance of fostering character development in schools and communities and includes an exchange of views between the First Lady and several high school students.

Airs April 5, 12, 19, 26 at 4am ET. Court TV (0:30)

<http://www.courttv.com/choices/>

Court TV's Choices and Consequences is an award-winning public service initiative that empowers youth to make responsible decisions and to contribute positively to society. Choices and Consequences is designed to sensitize young people to the risks of aggressive behavior and to help make them aware that decisions made in a moment can have consequences for a lifetime. Court TV partners with educators, parents and community leaders, providing curriculum supplements, programming and website materials. These resources are designed with the overall goal of enhancing character-building skills in today's youth.

Parents go to <http://www.courttv.com/choices/parents/>

Teachers go to <http://www.courttv.com/choices/teachers/>

Community leaders go to <http://www.courttv.com/choices/community/>

Cable in the Classroom Online

The No Child Left Behind act places special emphasis on improving and assessing student performance in math. In April, Cable in the Classroom magazine and the Cable in the Classroom web site offer insights into how video and online content and technology support the best practices for engaging students in learning basic skills and in solving complex mathematical problems.

<http://www.ciconline.org/Enrichment/Teaching/learningwithtechnology/default.htm>

The Cable in the Classroom Taping Highlights calendar is now available in a downloadable PDF format.

The Taping Highlights calendar contains just a small sampling of cable's commercial-free, copyright-extended programming that may be taped for educational use. For information about the highlighted programs, as well as many other Cable in the Classroom programs, see Cable in the Classroom magazine or check out this month's searchable listings.

<http://www.ciconline.org/Resources/MoreResources/Calendar/default.htm>

C-SPAN Classroom

Close Up on C-SPAN

In this interactive forum, high-school students and teachers meet with guests to discuss issues and events of national and international importance. The format varies from small roundtable discussions and live call-ins to town meetings and live studio audiences.

Airs Friday April 4 at 7pm ET. C-SPAN (1:00)

<http://www.c-span.org/>

American Writers: A Journey Through History: Lewis and Clark: The Expedition Journals

This website offers video clips from the American Writers: A Journey Through History program; historical information about Lewis and Clark's journey and their journals; classroom resources that include journal text, teaching topics, a timeline, and trivia; and a video lesson plan section with various themes, discussion questions, and clips.

<http://www.americanwriters.org/writers/lewis.asp>

American Writers: A Journey Through History: Thomas Paine: Common Sense

This website offers video clips from the American Writers: A Journey Through History series, as well as historical information about Thomas Paine and his work, and classroom resources that include the text of the work, teaching topics, a video lesson plan, a timeline and trivia.

<http://www.americanwriters.org/writers/paine.asp>

American Writers "F. Scott Fitzgerald: The Great Gatsby"

This site offers excerpts from the novel, biographical information about Fitzgerald, a list of his works, streaming video from the American Writers: A Journey Through History episode, video lesson plans for grades 9–12, a time line, links to related resources, and more.

<http://www.americanwriters.org/writers/fitzgerald.asp>

Food Network Classroom

Unwrapped: Hamburgers

In this episode, Mark Summers looks at the hamburger's origin, builds the ultimate burger and explores the secrets of big fast-food chains.

Airs April 14 at 3:30am ET. Food Network (0:30)

http://www.foodnetwork.com/food/show_cw/0,1976,FOOD_9955,00.html

Good Eats: Churn Baby Churn

Food Network

(0:30) (Commercial-Free)

Alton Brown makes his own ice cream and shows viewers how to find an efficient and economical ice-cream machine.

Airs April 28 at 3:30am ET. Food Network (0:30)

http://www.foodnetwork.com/food/show_ea/episode/0,1976,FOOD_9956_15850,00.html

Making Crepes

This Food Network Web site offers streaming video clips and instructions on how to make crepes.

http://www.foodnetwork.com/food/ck_dm_basic/article/0,,FOOD_9799_1726422,00.html

Home and Garden Television Classroom

How's That Work? Television, Microwaves, Blenders

This episode takes an inside look at these popular household items.

Airs April 7 at 5am ET. Home and Garden Television (0:22)

How's That Work? Cell Phone, DVD Player, Garbage Disposal

This episode examines how cell phones, DVD players, and garbage disposals have affected our everyday lives.

Airs April 21 at 5am ET. Home and Garden Television (0:22)

HGTV teaching materials and free videos are available. Send request by email to Judy Green at Scripps Networks: jgreen@scrippsnetworks.com.

Nickelodeon Classroom

Nick News Episode 113

This episode explores the history and activities of Greenpeace; looks at drug-prevention policies on college campuses; and examines the tradition of Philadelphia's New Year's Mummers parade.

Airs April 4 at 6am ET. Nickelodeon (0:30)

http://www.nickjr.com/grownups/teachers/supplies/shows/nick_news/nn113.jhtml

Nick News Episode 145

This episode looks at an educational program that reenacts the history of the Underground Railroad; profiles an 11-year-old drag racer; talks with a store owner who found a thief asleep with a box of chocolates; and explores the work of kids who are striving to preserve and protect the Everglades.

Airs April 18 at 6am ET. Nickelodeon (0:30)

http://www.nickjr.com/grownups/teachers/supplies/shows/nick_news/nn145A.jhtml

Nick News Episode 96

This episode profiles kids who are raising money to buy pollution allowances from the government in order to reduce acid rain; visits with country singer Wynonna Judd; and explores the history and future of Vietnam and its children.

Airs April 25 at 6am ET. Nickelodeon (0:30)

http://www.nickjr.com/grownups/teachers/supplies/shows/nick_news/nn96A.jhtml

Dora's Math Journey

This site offers a printable Dora the Explorer math-themed coloring book that teaches number recognition and sequencing, counting, addition, and one-to-one correspondence.

http://www.nickjr.com/grownups/home/printables/dora/dora_pb_mathbook.jhtml

5 Things to Do with Popsicle Sticks

This site offers illustrated examples of activities for young children using Popsicle sticks, including making birdhouses, fans, picture frames and puzzles.

http://www.nickjr.com/grownups/home/do_togethers/current/icecreamsticks.jhtml

TLC Elementary School

Conquest of the Americas

This episode examines the downfall of the Aztec and Inca empires of ancient Mexico and Peru. "The Aztecs" explains how Hernán Cortés destroyed in three months the empire the Aztecs took years to create. "Cortés" shows how one man's pursuit of fame and fortune led to the collapse of a powerful empire. "Pizarro" demonstrates how the Inca's civil war made it possible for an illiterate soldier with a minuscule army to conquer an empire.

Airs April 11 at 6am ET. The Learning Channel (0:30)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/conquestamericas/>

The Living Earth

This episode explores what life was like on Earth hundreds of millions of years ago. "Our Changing Earth" considers the stability of Earth with a look at underground tectonic plate movement and the erosion of the planet above ground. "Fossils: Prehistoric Clues" follows paleontologists as they uncover important fossils and re-create dinosaurs to uncover clues to our past.

Airs April 18 at 6am ET. The Learning Channel (0:30)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/livingearth/>

Body Systems

"Nervous System" explores how the brain and the spinal chord are at the helm of the human body's complex communications system, which carries billions of messages from cells to the brain within seconds. "Digestive System" looks at how the body transforms food into energy. "Respiratory System" examines the system of organs that draws oxygen into the body to feed trillions of cells and then expels carbon dioxide waste. "Musculoskeletal System" explains how the human skeleton protects the brain and internal organs while providing the framework for muscles.

Airs April 25 at 6am ET. The Learning Channel (0:30)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/bodysystems/>

Lifetime Classroom

Homeless to Harvard: The Liz Murray Story

This 2003 film tells the true story of a young woman who began life in severe poverty with drug-addicted parents and went on to attend Harvard University.

Airs April 7 at 9pm ET. Lifetime (2:00)

To download an educator's kit created in partnership with Cable in the Classroom, Girls Inc. and the National Alliance to End Homelessness, go to <http://www.lifetimetv.com/>.

<http://www.lifetimetv.com/movies/info/move3222.html>

A&E Classroom

Napoleon

This two-part 2002 A&E original film explores the life and career of one of history's brilliant military strategists.

Part 1 of 2 airs April 8 at 8pm ET. A&E Network (2:00)

Part 2 of 2 airs April 9 at 8pm ET. A&E Network (2:00)

See the interactive website about the movie at

http://www.aetv.com/tv/shows/napoleon/affiliates/af_napoleon_time_albany.html.

Teachers: email A&E Networks at classroom@aetn.com and include 2 of your colleagues' email addresses to receive a free Napoleon guidebook (a \$9.99 value). Don't forget to include your mailing address.

History Classroom

April 1865: The Month that Saved America

Based on Jay Winik's book, *April 1865*, this documentary features interviews with top Civil War historians and historical reenactments of important events that took place during the most pivotal 30 days in the history of the U.S.

Airs April 17 at 9pm ET and April 26 at 8pm ET. History Channel (2:00)

Teachers: email A&E Networks at classroom@aetn.com and include two of your colleagues' email addresses to receive a free "The Campaigns of Robert E. Lee" guidebook (a \$9.99 value). Don't forget to include your mailing address.

Timeforkids.com

Timeforkids.com, the online version of *Time for Kids* magazine, is the news, information and exploration destination for kids on the Internet. The site lets you create, learn, get involved, explore, play, guess right, guess wrong, exercise your clicking finger and generally become a news know-it-all! If you're a teacher or parent, there are special channels for you, too, with lots of information and stuff to make your jobs easier! Visit: <http://www.timeforkids.com>; (AOL Keyword: TFK).

Discovery Online

Moby Dick: The True Story

This site uses an interactive map with photos, audio clips and historical information to illustrate how the real-life experiences of Owen Chase inspired the classic Herman Melville novel.

<http://dsc.discovery.com/convergence/mobydick/mobydick.html>

The Great Gatsby

This stand-alone lesson plan for grades 9–12 includes a dramatic reading activity, discussion questions, links to related reading, adaptations for younger students, vocabulary and standards.

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/greatbooks-greatgatsby/>

Kathy Schrock's Guide for Educators

Kathy Schrock's Guide for Educators is a categorized list of sites useful for enhancing curriculum and professional growth. It is updated often to include the best sites for teaching and learning.

<http://school.discovery.com/schrockguide/>

Contests, Opportunities and Educational Events

Time Warner Cable's 14th Annual Teacher Awards: The Crystal Apple

Time Warner Cable honors 20 classroom projects and the teachers who develop them with the "Time Warner Cable National Teacher Awards." Winners receive a \$1,000 cash award and a crystal apple sculpture at a gala awards ceremony each spring in Washington, D.C. The awards -

▸ Recognize outstanding teachers who develop learning experiences using cable television programming or technology

- Encourage the development and effective use of Cable in the Classroom educational programs
- Stimulate a national exchange of innovative ideas and programs among educators.

Up to five awards will be earmarked specifically to recognize projects that use Road Runner, Time Warner Cable's broadband service, to demonstrate the benefit of high-speed Internet access in the classroom.

To be eligible to enter projects for consideration in the National Teacher Awards, teachers must be in a state-accredited public or private school (K-12) located within a Time Warner Cable service area. Classroom projects should have taken place between September 1, 2002 and April 18, 2003.

For more information or to receive an entry form, contact eric.kantor@twcable.com or go to our website at <http://www.twalbany.com/education/crystalapple2003.php>. **Deadline to enter is April 18, 2003.**

The Junior Museum invites area kids and teachers to celebrate Space Month

May is Space Month at the Junior Museum of the Capital Region and all month long there will be special hands-on exhibits, demos and displays relating to space. To kick off the month, the Junior Museum will participate in Space Day on Thursday, May 1, which is a nationwide event. Time Warner Cable and A&E Television Networks are partnering with the Junior Museum and will be providing a live web cast, and a video broadcast at the Junior Museum. All month long visitors to the Junior Museum will be able to participate in the Signatures in Space program.

To schedule a field trip to the Junior Museum for our Space Month celebration, beginning Thursday, May 1, from 9am-3pm, call 518-235-2120. (\$5.00/student and parents and teachers are free). Come and view our exhibits put together by the local Astronomy Club (AAAA) and the Model Rocket Club (ASTRE). In our "Meet the Scientist" segment, we have several RPI Professors speaking about their research. Come make a meteor with Dr. Heidi Newberg or see crystals grown in space with Dr. Afina Lupulescu. There will be tours of space related sites at RPI or your students can even participate in a paper airplane contest!

Please see our web site at www.juniormuseum.org for more information or call the museum at (518) 235-2120 for more information. Check out the Space Day website at www.spaceday.com.

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Music at Noon Concert Series

Time Warner Cable is pleased to sponsor the TSBMH 2002-2003 Music at Noon Concert Series as part of its Cable in the Classroom initiative. Schools interested in attending should reserve seats and coordinate bus logistics through the Box Office. Music at Noon concerts are free.

April 8, 2003 - Sonny & Perley

The exciting piano/vocal duo, composed of Sonny Daye and Perley Rousseau, appears at the Music Hall with a program that blends Jazz, Brazilian, and International Cabaret. Perley, a stylish and expressive vocalist with roots in traditional jazz, and Sonny, the ideal accompanist, have captivated audiences throughout New York, New England and Europe. Visit <http://www.troymusichall.org/noon.asp>.

MasterMinds

Time Warner Cable presents "MasterMinds," an academic competition featuring representatives from area high schools. "MasterMinds" is a BOCES service. All public, private and parochial high schools are eligible. "MasterMinds" uses the College Bowl™ format for match play. Matches are played in seven-minute halves with each school playing four students at a time. Students must ring in and be recognized before answering. Correct answers earn that player's team 10 points and the opportunity for the team to answer a bonus question. This format was used for the "GE College Bowl" television show. The questions cover a broad range: art, biology, chemistry, current events, geography, history, literature, music, political science, pop culture, religion and sports.

MasterMinds Schedule

School 1	School 2	Week of
South Glens Falls	Albany	3/31- 4/6/03
Emma Willard	Greenville	4/7 – 4/13/03
Bishop Gibbons	Duanesberg	4/14 - 4/20/03
Bethlehem	Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk	4/21 - 4/27/03

“MasterMinds” will be shown on TWC local channel 2 in Albany/Troy, 14 on all other systems and on channel 11 in Pittsfield Mass. Monday 7pm, Tuesday 9pm, Thursday 6:30pm, Saturday 10am and Sunday 11:30am. Check our website at <http://www.twalbany.com/localprogramming> for updated programming information.

The Hyde Collection Offers Students a First-Hand Encounter with Art

Time Warner Cable is a sponsor of Hyde School Programs 2002/2003 and is proud to support the museum’s ongoing efforts to educate young people. The museum’s education department collaborates with classroom teachers and curriculum coordinators to develop object-based programming that satisfies New York State learning standards. More than 20 program options are offered. Designed to meet the needs of the student and teacher, they reflect the curriculum in both grade level and subject matter.

For more information on the Hyde School Programs, visit The Hyde Collection’s website at www.hydeartmuseum.org or call the Museum educator at 518-792-1761, extension 27.

“Be Kind to Animals Week” Poster and Essay Contest

The Animal Protective Foundation will celebrate Be Kind to Animals Week, May 5-11, with its first poster and essay contest for kids in grades 1-6. Naturally, kindness to animals is very important to us. However, the ideals taught in our humane education programs extend beyond animals to include responsibility and respect for people and the world we live in.

This contest also has another important goal: teaching safety with animals, especially dangerous dogs. To that end, we have partnered with State Farm Insurance Agent Karen Burne in Niskayuna to provide safety materials for participating schools. If at least two classes in a school take part in either the poster or essay contest, a free copy of the "BARK Dog Bite Prevention Program" video and workbook will be provided for their school library.

Developed by the Humane Society of the United States, the BARK program (which stands for Be Aware, Responsible and Kind) has been proven successful in teaching kids how to respond safely to dangerous situations with dogs and cats. It’s a valuable and ready-to-use resource that could save a child from serious harm. Valued at \$23.95, schools will receive these materials just for participating in the contest. They will be available in time for Dog Bite Prevention Week, May 19-25.

Submissions must be postmarked by April 28, 2003. Winners will be announced on May 5. For more for more information, go to <http://www.animalprotective.org/> or please call 374-3944, ext. 113.

Are you currently tutoring children in reading? Want some help?

Time Warner Cable is bringing AOL Time Warner’s “Time To Read” volunteer literacy mentoring program to New York’s Capital Region. We are seeking teachers and volunteers interested in participating in this fully supported program designed to train volunteers and provide fully developed curricula, magazines and other materials. <http://www.timetoread.com/>

To discover how Time Warner Cable and the Time To Read program can help you bring the joys of reading to more children, contact Gary Wengrofsky at 518-242-8931 or gary.wengrofsky@twcable.com

The Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge

The Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge is the only science contest of its kind for students in grades 5 through 8, fostering the exploration, understanding and communication of science among America's youth. This Web site offers all the info teachers and students will need to get involved. For information, go to <http://school.discovery.com/sciencefaircentral/dysc/>.
Deadline to enter is June 5, 2003.

Space Day 2003

Space Day is May 1

NASA Needs Nation's Classrooms to Evaluate this Educational Challenge

Teachers of grades 5-8 are being sought as evaluators of this activity. As an evaluator, you will be contributing to the development of exciting quality educational curriculum for which you will receive recognition in the product as well as a certificate of appreciation from NASA.

During the evaluation, you are expected to provide feedback from yourself and your students. This will require about 1.5 additional hours of classroom/instruction time. You will be a part of an evaluation e-mail list that will provide technical support and suggestions from fellow evaluating educators. Finally, to show our appreciation, you will receive a packet of NASA materials for use in your classroom.

If you are a teacher, your time and input would be greatly appreciated. For full information on benefits and requirements of being an Evaluator, go to <http://quest.nasa.gov/projects/space/robotdesign/evaluation.html>.

TWC's Education Connection is a service of Time Warner Cable, Albany Division. This monthly newsletter is designed to assist educators as they strive to best teach our children.