

## TWC's Education Connection      Issue #42      April 2004

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

The April issue of Time Warner Cable's education newsletter, TWC's Education Connection, is featuring unique Cable in the Classroom educational resources for teachers, parents and students.

The purpose of this newsletter is to update you on the current Cable in the Classroom resources that are available for you to videotape and download off the Internet for use in your classroom. Website links 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 [eric.kantor@twcable.com](mailto:eric.kantor@twcable.com).

#### How Can You Control What Your Family Sees on TV?

The cable industry takes seriously concerns about some of the content available on television today and about the impact of media, especially its effect on children. We have a responsibility to participate in substantive efforts to address these issues.

Cable is committed to offering families the widest possible choice in television programming, provides technology that offers parents and caregivers a range of tools to control the programs that come into their homes, and educates viewers about how to make good decisions with respect to their children's use of media.

The National Cable & Telecommunications Association has prepared a report with more detailed information about the industry's efforts to offer consumers choice, control and education:  
[http://www.ncta.com/pdf\\_files/whitepapers/TVControl.pdf](http://www.ncta.com/pdf_files/whitepapers/TVControl.pdf).

#### Cable Programming for Kids and Families

Cable television provides a wide choice of programming, offering something for everyone in your family. However, not all programming is suitable for every audience. With all of the options available, finding the right programs for your family can be challenging.

A sample of children's and family-oriented programming available on cable can be found at  
<http://www.controlyourtv.org/Networks.php>.

## Educational Resources for Teachers, Parents and Students

### A&E Classroom

#### Biography-Charles Dickens: A Tale of Ambition and Genius

This program profiles the life of one of the world's first literary stars, from his troubled childhood to the spectacular successes of his novels *Oliver Twist* and *A Tale of Two Cities*.

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

[http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0047.html](http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0047.html)

#### Biography-William Shakespeare: A Life of Drama

This program explores the poet and playwright whose work is as popular now as it was during his own lifetime.

Airs April 5 at 7:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

[http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0550.html](http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0550.html)

### [Biography-F. Scott Fitzgerald: The Great American Dreamer](#)

This program profiles the American writer whose lifestyle and works, such as *The Great Gatsby*, epitomized the excesses of his time.

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

[http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0074.html](http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0074.html)

### [Biography-Ernest Hemingway: Wrestling with Life](#)

This two-part program explores the life and work of the legendary author.

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

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

[http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0394.html](http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0394.html)

### [Biography-Mark Twain: His Amazing Adventures](#)

This program chronicles the life of Samuel Clemens from his days as a typesetter, news reporter, and steamboat pilot to his emergence as an author.

Airs April 12 at 7:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

[http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0189.html](http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0189.html)

### [Biography-Vincent van Gogh: A Stroke of Genius](#)

This program profiles the iconic artist who, despite being ignored during his own lifetime, created some of the most enduring and treasured masterpieces in history.

Airs April 16 at 7:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

[http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0355.html](http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0355.html)

### [Biography Special: The Impressionists](#)

Part 1 of 4 airs April 19 at 7:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

Part 2 of 4 airs April 20 at 7:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

Part 3 of 4 airs April 21 at 7:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

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

<http://www.aetv.com/class/teach/>

### [Biography-Michelangelo: Artist and Man](#)

This documentary examines the life and works of the great Italian Renaissance artist.

Airs April 23 at 7:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

[http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0126.html](http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0126.html)

### [The New Explorers: On the Trail of a Killer Virus](#)

This program documents the battle by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to solve the mystery of a new strain of hantavirus, which first appeared in New Mexico in 1993.

Airs April 27 at 7:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

[http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0226.html](http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0226.html)

### [The New Explorers: Crisis Planet Earth](#)

Scientists head to Utah, Lake Superior, and the Costa Rican rainforest to measure Earth's rising temperature and assess the impact of pollution on the planet.

Airs April 28 at 7:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

[http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0331.html](http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0331.html)

### [The New Explorers: Environmental SWAT Team](#)

A look at the efforts of Conservation International's Rapid Assessment Team, which works with local scientists in Bolivia to evaluate the conservation priority of one of the largest remaining tracts of dry forest in South America.

Airs April 29 at 7:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

[http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0224.html](http://www.aetv.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0224.html)

## **AOL@School**

Sign up for the new, improved free [AOL@School](#) software that will help you integrate the power of the Internet into the curriculum. <http://www.aolatschool.com/order/index.adp>

## BET Classroom

### The Naked Truth

African American men from various regions and backgrounds discuss the implications of teenage sexuality, HIV and AIDS, peer pressure, and the media's role in promoting premarital sex. Mature subject matter.

Airs April 25 at 3:00am ET. Black Entertainment Television (0:30)

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

### Rap It Up Classroom Connection

These stand-alone curriculum materials offer discussion points that get students thinking and talking about the common misunderstandings associated with HIV/AIDS: objectives, steps for the lesson process, and associated activity sheets.

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

## Bravo Classroom

### Cirque du Soleil: Fire Within

The thirteen-part special looks into the dreams, trials, and aspirations of a group of characters involved in the creation and launch of Varekai, a recent production from Cirque du Soleil.

Parts 1 and 2 of 13 air April 6 at 6:00am ET. Bravo (1:00)

Parts 3 and 4 of 13 air April 8 at 6:00am ET. Bravo (1:00)

Parts 5 and 6 of 13 air April 13 at 6:00am ET. Bravo (1:00)

Parts 7 and 8 of 13 air April 15 at 6:00am ET. Bravo (1:00)

Parts 9 and 10 of 13 air April 20 at 6:00am ET. Bravo (1:00)

Parts 11 and 12 of 13 air April 22 at 6:00am ET. Bravo (1:00)

Parts 12 and 13 of 13 air April 27 at 6:00am ET. Bravo (1:00)

[http://www.bravotv.com/Bravo\\_in\\_the\\_Classroom/Cirque\\_du\\_Soleil\\_Fire\\_Within.shtml](http://www.bravotv.com/Bravo_in_the_Classroom/Cirque_du_Soleil_Fire_Within.shtml)

## Cable in the Classroom

### Access Learning

For more information, a complete listing of all Cable in the Classroom programs in April, and great educational articles on Health, check out Access Learning online at

<http://www.ciconline.org/aboutcic/publications/accesslearning.htm>.

## CNN Classroom

### CNN Presents: THE MYSTERY OF JESUS

As Christians around the world enter Easter week, CNN Presents explores the mystery of Jesus. His short time on Earth launched one of the world's great religions. But in many ways, his life remains a mystery. The discovery of an ossuary - or burial box - with the inscription, "Joseph, brother of Jesus", raised a flurry of new questions about the historical Jesus. Mel Gibson's new movie, "THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST", has sparked new debate about his death. Who was Jesus? Where was he really born? Did he have brothers and sisters? In THE MYSTERY OF JESUS, scientists and scholars sift through the available evidence and help us understand why the "greatest story ever told" is also the "greatest mystery never solved."

Airs Monday, April 5 at 4:00am ET. CNN (1:00)

<http://www.CNN.com/presents>

### CNN Presents: STATE OF FEAR: JOURNEYS IN THE NEW IRAQ

CNN Senior International Correspondent Nic Robertson returns to Iraq on the anniversary of the war to take stock of the U.S. occupation. Is it making progress toward a peaceful, democratic Iraq? Or is it headed toward a civil war? Go inside the lives of six characters who will play a role in the future of the new Iraq.

Airs Monday, April 12 at 4:00am ET. CNN (1:00)

<http://www.CNN.com/presents>

### CNN Presents: TIME 100

They are the Time 100 - some of the most interesting and influential people in the world. In conjunction with a special edition of Time Magazine, CNN Presents reveals the Time 100, 20 people selected from five categories because of their impact around the world.

Airs Monday, April 19 at 4:00am ET. CNN (1:00)

<http://www.CNN.com/presents>

### CNN Student News

Airs on CNN Headline News, Monday through Friday from 3:12 - 3:22am ET. Educators use CNN Student News in their classrooms for the news of the day, as well as for segments that encourage student participation. CNN Student News is easy to integrate into any lesson and is closed-captioned for use by hearing impaired or ESOL classes. <http://cnnstudentnews.cnn.com/fyi/retecast/>

## C-SPAN Classroom

### Book Events on Book TV

Author readings and signings, tours of unique bookstores, and interviews with writers, editors, and publishers. Runtimes vary.

Book TV airs on C-SPAN 2 each weekend from 8am Saturday to 8am Monday.

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

### C-SPAN's Vote 2004 Election Guide

This Web site has everything you need to know for the 2004 elections! Find basic information about the candidates and the primaries and caucuses; watch video clips of campaign events or analyze campaign ads. <http://www.capwiz.com/c-span/e4/>

## Court TV Classroom

### Chasing Freedom

This 2004 four-part film, inspired by true events, depicts the realities of life under the Taliban in Afghanistan and one young woman's attempt to seek political asylum in the U.S. Contains some violence.

Part 1 of 4 airs April 3 at 4:00am ET. Court TV (0:30)

Part 2 of 4 airs April 10 at 4:00am ET. Court TV (0:30)

Part 3 of 4 airs April 17 at 4:00am ET. Court TV (0:30)

Part 4 of 4 airs April 24 at 4:00am ET. Court TV (0:30)

[http://www.courttv.com/movie/chasing\\_freedom/build\\_out.html](http://www.courttv.com/movie/chasing_freedom/build_out.html)

## Discovery Classroom

### Africa Today

A look at students in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania, the daily activities of an Ethiopian girl, the impact of AIDS on the people of Africa, and the effects of deforestation oil drilling.

Airs April 5 at 9:00am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

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

### The Middle East: Land of Contrasts

This program examines focal points of Middle Eastern commerce and civilization, secret historical and archaeological sites of Jordan, religion's historical and spiritual connections to Jerusalem, and the Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

Airs April 7 at 9:00am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

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

### Turmoil in 20th-Century Europe

This program examines a 1986 nuclear accident's long-lasting effects on Ukrainians, how the events of WWII caused Jews in Poland to fight back, the personal stories of passengers on the ill-fated Titanic, the rise and fall of the Berlin Wall, and the land-mine problem in Kosovo.

Airs April 8 at 9:00am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

<http://www.school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/turmoil20thcentury/>

### Mary: Mother of Jesus

This program investigates Mary of Nazareth's life, including what it was like for a Jewish girl to grow up under Roman rule.

Airs April 11 at 9:00am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

<http://dsc.discovery.com/anthology/biblestories/biblestories.html>

### Through the Lens

This program looks at human and plant cells in action, the role of DNA in our destiny, and mapping the human genome.

Airs April 12 at 9:00am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

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

### Understanding: Viruses

This program explores the body's immune system and the war scientists are waging against viruses.

Airs April 13 at 9:00am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

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

### Understanding: Bacteria

This program explores the differences between good and bad bacteria and the effects of water pollution on the human body.

Airs April 14 at 9:00am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/understanding-bacteria/>

### The Elements

This program explores the evolution of chemistry and the periodic table from the time of the early Greeks to the present.

Airs April 16 at 9:00am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

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

### European Tour: History and Tradition

This program explores the origins of the Roman Empire, the independent city-state of the Vatican, Napoleon Bonaparte's attempt to build a European empire, and Sweden's timber industry.

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

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

### Fighting 20th-Century Tyranny

A look at men and women overcoming tremendous odds to find freedom, reformers in India helping the Dalits, the drying up of the Aral Sea, and revolutionary educational reforms in Pakistan.

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

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

### Africa: Economics and Change

This program highlights the numerous ways Africans use natural resources for economic benefit, looking at Malian farms, South African gold mines, and fishing on Lake Victoria.

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

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

### Forced to Flee: Famine and Plague

This documentary explores how Ireland's potato famine drove Irish immigrants to America and how the bubonic plague helped end feudalism in medieval Europe.

Airs April 26 at 9:00am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

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

### Slavery, Society, and Apartheid

This program chronicles the tragic circumstances suffered by Africans as a result of slavery in the Americas and legislation in their homeland, including the Atlantic slave trade and apartheid.

Airs April 28 at 9:00am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

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

## Disney Classroom

### Confident for Life: Kids and Body Image

Designed specifically for kids and teens, 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 6 at 3:00am ET. Disney Channel (1:00)

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

### Lizzie McGuire: Inner Beauty

This episode of the fictional series dramatically portrays eating disorders in kids and how the pressure to succeed can sometimes be a trigger.

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

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

## ESPN Sports Figures

Designed for middle and high school students, this series features professional athletes who help demonstrate math and physics concepts through sports.

### The Gear Game/Perpetual Motion

Mountain-biker Travis Brown demonstrates torque, levers, gears, and ratios; skateboarder Tony Hawk examines perpetual motion, energy conservation, and mass.

Airs April 5 at 4:30am ET. ESPN2 (0:30)

[http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_gear\\_game03.htm](http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_gear_game03.htm)

[http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_perpetual\\_motion03.htm](http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_perpetual_motion03.htm)

### Surfing Science/Tennis Triangle

Surfer Rochelle Ballard illustrates wave concepts; tennis player MaliVai Washington explores similar triangles, ratio, scale diagrams, and gravity.

Airs April 26 at 4:30am ET. ESPN2 (0:30)

[http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_surfing\\_science03.htm](http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_surfing_science03.htm)

[http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_tennis\\_triangle03.htm](http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_tennis_triangle03.htm)

## Food Network Classroom

### Good Eats: The Case for Butter

Alton Brown goes to court to defend butter against accusations made by the media and the fat-conscious public.

Airs April 12 at 4:30am ET. Food Network (0:30)

Email [jgreen@scrippsnetwork.com](mailto:jgreen@scrippsnetwork.com) for teaching materials.

### Unwrapped: Canned Foods

This program explores how soda is canned, determines what makes Pringles different, attends a "canstruction" competition and Spamfest, and introduces a woman with a Campbell's soup collection.

Airs April 26 at 4:30am ET. Food Network (0:30)

Email [jgreen@scrippsnetwork.com](mailto:jgreen@scrippsnetwork.com) for teaching materials.

## HGTV Classroom

### How's That Work? Radio Antenna, Home Alarm, Hair Dryer

This series looks at the origins of favorite household items and explains how they work.

Airs April 5 at 5:00am ET. Home and Garden Television (0:22)

Email [jgreen@scrippsnetwork.com](mailto:jgreen@scrippsnetwork.com) for teaching materials.

### Restore America: A Salute to Preservation

This episode visits Conservatory of Flowers, Bodie Island Lighthouse, Cranbrook House.

In partnership with The National Trust for Historic Preservation, this series recognizes the restoration efforts national sites.

Airs April 19 at 5:00am ET. Home and Garden Television (0:22)

[http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/pac\\_ctnt\\_nobanner/text/0,1783,HGTV\\_10680\\_10212,FF.html](http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/pac_ctnt_nobanner/text/0,1783,HGTV_10680_10212,FF.html)

## History Classroom

### Monuments to Freedom: Heart of a Nation

This program explains how and why Washington, D.C., was built, from its canals to the design of the Capitol.

Airs April 2 at 6:00am ET. History Channel (1:00)

[http://www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study\\_guide/archives/thc\\_guide.0171.html](http://www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0171.html)

### Monuments to Freedom: Remember, Revere, and Rule

This program offers a behind-the-scenes look at the Supreme Court, visits the National Archives, and tours the Library of Congress.

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

<http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/guides/revere.html>

### As It Happened: The Berlin Airlift: First Battle of the Cold War

This two-part documentary chronicles the efforts of the U.S. and Great Britain to circumvent the Soviet blockade of Berlin by flying food, fuel, and equipment into the city.

Part 1 of 2 airs April 12 at 6:00am ET. History Channel (1:00)

Part 2 of 2 airs April 13 at 6:00am ET. History Channel (1:00)

[http://www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study\\_guide/archives/thc\\_guide.0405.html](http://www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0405.html)

### JFK: A Presidency Revealed

This three-part profile of John F. Kennedy includes White House audiotapes and Soviet footage from Kennedy's superpower summit.

Part 1 of 3 airs April 19 at 6:00am ET. History Channel (1:00)

Part 2 of 3 airs April 20 at 6:00am ET. History Channel (1:00)

Part 3 of 3 airs April 21 at 6:00am ET. History Channel (1:00)

[http://www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study\\_guide/archives/thc\\_guide.2369.html](http://www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.2369.html)

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

## LIFETIME CLASSROOM

### Intimate Portrait: Madeleine Albright

This program profiles the life and achievements of the first woman to become U.S. secretary of state.

Airs April 14 at 4:00am ET. Lifetime (1:00)

[http://www.lifetime.com/community/olc/cable/bio\\_albright.html](http://www.lifetime.com/community/olc/cable/bio_albright.html)

## MTV Classroom

### Diary of Gideon in Kuwait

A look at two groups of young people coming of age on the brink of war: American marines in training on the Kuwait-Iraq border and Kuwaitis growing up in Kuwait City.

Airs April 12 at 4:00am ET. MTV (0:26)

<http://www.mtv.com/partners/cic/>

### True Life: I've Got Baby Mama Drama

This two-part documentary follows the lives of several young people experiencing the trials and tribulations of being teenage parents.

Part 1 of 2 airs April 19 at 4:00am ET. MTV (0:26)

Part 2 of 2 airs April 26 at 4:00am ET. MTV (0:26)

<http://www.mtv.com/partners/cic/>

## Nickelodeon Classroom

### Nick News: Special Edition

#### Keeping Faith: Muslim Kids in America

This program explains the beliefs and practices of Islam and investigates the challenges Muslims have faced since September 11th.

Airs April 5, 16 and 21 at 6:00am ET. Nickelodeon (0:30)

[http://www.nickjr.com/teachers/lesson\\_plans/muslim\\_kids.jhtml? template=teachers](http://www.nickjr.com/teachers/lesson_plans/muslim_kids.jhtml? template=teachers)

#### There's No Place Like Home: Homeless Kids in America

Talking with homeless kids nationwide, this program looks at the fastest growing homeless population in the U.S. today.

Airs April 7, 12 and 23 at 6:00am ET. Nickelodeon (0:30)

[http://www.nickjr.com/teachers/lesson\\_plans/homeless\\_kids.jhtml? template=teachers](http://www.nickjr.com/teachers/lesson_plans/homeless_kids.jhtml? template=teachers)

#### This Land Was My Land: Kids on the Reservations

A visit with Native American children living on three different reservations and a look at the similarities and differences they share with white American kids.

Airs April 9, 14 and 19 at 6:00am ET. Nickelodeon (0:30)

[http://www.nickjr.com/teachers/lesson\\_plans/kids\\_on\\_reservations.jhtml? template=teachers](http://www.nickjr.com/teachers/lesson_plans/kids_on_reservations.jhtml? template=teachers)

## Sci-Fi Classroom

### Women of Dune

This documentary explores several themes in the 2003 Children of the Dune miniseries, including its portrayal of a matriarchal society and author Frank Herbert's creation of strong female characters.

Airs April 5 at 5:30am ET. Sci-Fi Channel (0:30)

<http://www.scifi.com/cableintheclassroom/dune/>

## TLC Elementary School

### Understanding: Geography

This program explores the study of geography, maps as a tool for geographers, how the movement of the Earth's tectonic plates created modern continents, Sri Lanka's two cultures, and the small island country of Mauritius.

Airs April 9 at 6:00am ET. The Learning Channel (0:30)

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

### Exploring the World's Geography

This program explores the geographical features of Latin America, Europe, Russia, Africa, Asia, and the Pacific.

Airs April 16 at 6:00am ET. The Learning Channel (0:30)

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

### Motion, Forces, Energy, and Electricity

This program explores average speed, G-forces, the relationship between heat and bridge building, and the natural phenomenon of lightning.

Airs April 23 at 6:00am ET. The Learning Channel (0:30)

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

## The Weather Classroom

### Weather and Water

This program explores rain, clouds, dew, fog, humidity, El Niño, La Niña, droughts, and floods.  
Airs April 1 at 4:00am ET. The Weather Channel (0:30)

<http://www.weatherclassroom.com/index.php>

### People and Weather

This program examines the history of the relationship between people and weather as it affects population growth, economics, and architecture.

Airs April 8 at 4:00am ET. The Weather Channel (0:30)

<http://www.weatherclassroom.com/index.php>

### Hurricanes

A look at the basic components, satellite tracking, and destructive power of hurricanes.

Airs April 12 and 15 at 4:00am ET. The Weather Channel (0:30)

<http://www.weatherclassroom.com/index.php>

### Winter Weather

A look at winter storm basics, including lake-effect snow, freezing points, sleet, freezing rain, snow, and ice.

Airs April 19 and 22 at 4:00am ET. The Weather Channel (0:30)

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

### Careers in Meteorology

A visit with meteorologists illustrates the variety of career paths for students interested in the weather.

Airs April 26 and 29 at 4:00am ET. The Weather Channel (0:30)

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

## VH-1 Classroom

### VH1 News Presents: AIDS: A Pop Culture History

This documentary explores how media and culture have influenced attitudes toward HIV/AIDS over the last 20 years.

Airs April 6 at 4:00am ET. VH1 (1:00)

<http://www.vh1musicstudio.com>

## WMHT Education Highlights for April

### HOMEWORK HOTLINE

Homework and television mix in this half-hour program geared towards kids in grades five through twelve. Students phone in with homework questions that have them stumped; two teachers help them work through the problems in math, science, geography and other curricula.

Monday through Thursday, 5:30pm ET. WMHT

<http://www.homework-hotline.org/>

### INSIGHT: BECOMING AMERICAN: THE CHINESE EXPERIENCE IN THE CAPITAL REGION

Airs April 1 at 7:30pm ET. and April 4 at 12:00am ET. WMHT

<http://www.wmht.org/TV/american/index.html>

### GREAT PERFORMANCES: HARRY CONNICK, JR.: ONLY YOU

Musician, singer, composer and actor Harry Connick reaches new heights as an entertainer in this concert, which features material from his new album, "Only You." Among the classics that Connick remakes as his own are "Crazy," "Once in My Life," "The Very Thought of You," and "My Blue Heaven."

Airs April 4 at 3:00pm ET. WMHT

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/gperf/shows/harryconnick/index.html>

### SESAME STREET PRESENTS - THE STREET WE LIVE ON

At the start of SESAME STREET's 35th season, the high-spirited red Muppet, Elmo, learns more about the street on which he lives. With the help of his friend Grover, Elmo is seemingly transported through time to the Sesame Street that existed before he was born. In these flashback moments, Elmo meets Mr. Hooper, the man behind the name of that famous store; witnesses Maria and Luis' wedding day and the birth of their daughter Gabi; and experiences Gordon and Susan's adoption of Miles.

Airs April 4 at 8:00pm and April 5 at 10:30am ET. WMHT

<http://pbskids.org/sesame/>

### EXXONMOBIL MASTERPIECE THEATRE: DANIEL DERONDA

A dramatization of George Eliot's last novel, in which she ventured into uncharted territory by leading her main character, Daniel, to explore and embrace his identity, religion, and culture as a Jew. Stars Hugh Dancy, Romola Garai, Hugh Bonneville and Greta Scacchi.

Part 1 airs April 4 at 9pm ET and Part 2 airs April 11 at 9pm ET.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/deronda/index.html>

### FRONTLINE: DIET WARS

Americans spend \$40 billion a year on books, products and programs designed to help us lose weight. Today's dieters have a dizzying array of weight loss programs from which to choose, yet the underlying principles of these diets are often contradictory. Is low fat better than low carb? Has the USDA Food Pyramid done more harm than good? In "Diet Wars," Frontline examines the great diet debate.

Airs April 8 at 10 pm ET. WMHT

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/diet/>

### FIFTH GOSPEL: THE LAND AND SEA OF GALILEE

By investigating the physical locations around the Sea of Galilee, this documentary takes a new approach to understanding the events of the Four Gospels of the New Testament. Based on the book, With Jesus through Galilee According to the Fifth Gospel, by the archaeologist and Benedictine monk, Father Bargil Pixner.

Airs April 11 at 1:00pm ET. WMHT

<http://www.aptonline.org/catalog.nsf/vTitle/FIFTH+GOSPEL,+THE:+THE+LAND+AND+SEA+OF+GALILEE>

### FACE: JESUS IN ART

For centuries, the most influential artists painted portraits and sculpted monumental images of Jesus Christ, whose powerful and timeless image has had an immeasurable influence on global art and culture. This documentary traces the use of Jesus' image in art over a 2000-year period, featuring painted portraits and sculptures from the ancient and modern world.

Airs April 11 at 2:00pm ET. WMHT

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/week432/feature.html>

### INTO THE ARMS OF STRANGERS: STORIES OF THE KINDERTRANSPORT

Academy Award winner Judi Dench narrates the extraordinary chronicle of an unparalleled British mission to rescue more than 10,000 children - most of them Jewish - from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia prior to World War II.

Airs April 14 at 9:30pm ET. WMHT

<http://www2.warnerbros.com/intothearmsofstrangers/>

### AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: PATRIOTS DAY

229 years after American militias routed the British at the Battle of Lexington and Concord, sixty-five men of his Majesty's 10th Regiment and sixty-seven American rebels are still fighting. Patriots Day documents the re-enactors who leave the 21st century to recreate 18th century military life and discovers what has drawn them into the American past.

Airs April 19 at 9:00pm ET. WMHT.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/patriotsday/index.html>

For more information on WMHT programming for your classroom, visit [www.wmht.org/learning](http://www.wmht.org/learning).

## Contests, Opportunities and Educational Events

### Time Warner Cable National Teacher Awards: “The Crystal Apple”

Time Warner Cable recognizes 20 outstanding projects that provide creative learning experiences for students using cable programming or technology as an element in their development.

Winners receive \$1,000, an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC., for the awards banquet, and a Crystal Apple sculpture.

Submitted entries must have taken place between September 1, 2003 and April 16, 2004. K-12 educators who work at state-accredited public or private schools in areas served by Time Warner Cable are eligible to enter.

To receive an entry form, go to <http://www.twalbany.com/education/crystalapple2004.php> or contact [eric.kantor@twcable.com](mailto:eric.kantor@twcable.com). Deadline to enter is April 18, 2004.

### Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Music at Noon Concert Series

Time Warner Cable is pleased to sponsor the TSBMH 2003-2004 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. For more information on how your school group can attend Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Music at Noon Concert Series, contact the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Box Office at (518) 273-0038. <http://www.troymusichall.org/noon.asp>

April 13 - Brian Patneau Quartet: Jazz  
May 11 - Findlay Cockrell: Piano

### Monday Music Kid’s Series, presented by Capital News 9 and TWC

Join David Alan Miller and the Albany Symphony Orchestra as they continue to explore great moments in music history. As the recipient of the first ASCAP Leonard Bernstein Award for Educational Programming, the series has set the standard in making classical music accessible to young people. With original scripts and performances tailored to elementary age children, Monday Music provides a morning of fun for children from all over the Capital Region. Monday Music performances are held at 10 am.

**Cowboy Dave’s Percussion Party: April 19 at the Palace Theater**

Please call the ASO office at (518) 465-4755 if your class would be interested in joining us for a Monday morning full of excitement or send email to [info@albansymphony.com](mailto:info@albansymphony.com).

### Bring the whole family to the Albany Institute of History & Art

Museum Explorers Family Day and Book Signing: Art and Nature: The Art of Thomas Locker and the Hudson River School on Sunday, April 25, 2:00–4:30 pm.

Meet and talk with artist Thomas Locker. Hear a reading of the new book, Hudson: The Story of a River, by the author, Robert Baron. Enjoy hands-on art making activities, including creating your own fish print and a hand-made book, and learn about protecting the Hudson River and its inhabitants through activities led by environmental educators. (FREE with museum admission)

For more information contact Rebecca Whitin Mitchell at 518-463-4478 ext 405 or visit [www.albanyinstitute.org](http://www.albanyinstitute.org).

## Time Warner Cable Supports School Programs at The Hyde Collection

Time Warner Cable is proud to sponsor Hyde School Programs for the second consecutive year, supporting arts education for students of all ages in twenty regional school districts. The Hyde Collection, a fine arts museum located in Glens Falls, offers guided tours throughout the school year FREE of charge. The expansive permanent collection and regularly changing special exhibitions provide the foundation for School Programs that link art and art history with social studies, language arts, math, and science.

The Museum's education department collaborates with classroom teachers and curriculum coordinators to develop object-based programming that satisfies New York State learning standards and prepares students for features of their standardized achievement tests. Over twenty options are offered, each designed to meet the needs of the student and teacher—reflecting the curriculum in both grade level and subject matter. Tours can be customized to specific classroom needs.

For more information on school programs, call 792-1761, extension 17, or go to the Hyde's Web site at [http://www.hydeartmuseum.org/art/art\\_Frame.htm](http://www.hydeartmuseum.org/art/art_Frame.htm)

## SEA DREAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST.

Middle school students are invited to submit original essays telling the story of the boy depicted in Len Tantillo's original painting Sea Dreams. Essays will be judged on creativity, historical knowledge, and style. For complete information and entry forms, visit WMHT online at <http://www.wmht.org/learning>, and click on SEA DREAMS.

## Enter C-SPAN's Video Documentary Contest: Campaign Cam

Middle and High School students, produce a short documentary expressing your views about an issue that matters to you as the country approaches the 2004 elections. Over \$50,000 in prizes! Winning videos will air on the C-SPAN Networks. The deadline to enter is May 17, 2004.

<http://www.c-span.org/classroom/campaigncam/rules.asp>

## The Big Help: Our Water, Our Planet, Our Future

Nickelodeon's campaign to encourage and empower elementary-aged kids to volunteer in their communities focuses on the cleanup of America's rivers and streams and water conservation. Includes an activity book with suggestions on everyday ways to conserve water, ways kids can help in the cleanup effort, and games.

[http://www.nick.com/all\\_nick/specials/bighelp/bh\\_water.jhtml](http://www.nick.com/all_nick/specials/bighelp/bh_water.jhtml)

## Space Day SM 2004

Please mark May 6 on your calendars for Space Day SM 2004 ... Blazing Galactic Trails. In honor of the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, Space Day SM is offering educational programs to ignite the imagination of 21st century space explorers, scientists and inventors. <http://www.spaceday.org/index.html>

To receive updates about Space Day 2004 activities, email [webmaster@spaceday.org](mailto:webmaster@spaceday.org) with the subject header: Space Day Educator. In your email, please provide your full name, the name of your school, the grade you teach and your mailing address.

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