

## TWC's Education Connection      Issue #28      February 2003

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

#### Dear Educator:

The February 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 [eric.kantor@twcable.com](mailto:eric.kantor@twcable.com).

#### 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](mailto:eric.kantor@twcable.com). If your submission is chosen, it will be featured in a future edition of TWC's Education Connection.

#### Points of View

On Jan. 23-24, representatives of Time Warner Cable's Albany Division led a group of local area educators to Washington, D.C., as part of its Cable in the Classroom Demonstration Project Grant awarded to Time Warner Cable and its project partners, C-SPAN and the Schenectady City School District's Project View.

The trip, attended by educators from Schenectady, Amsterdam, Ballston Spa and Scotia/Glenville, included working sessions at C-SPAN, and visits to the White House Historical Association and the Library of Congress archives.

The collective mission of the venture is to create, over the next 12 months, a most unique and integrated course curriculum on Theodore Roosevelt in a manner that will set a nationally replicable standard for the use of cable programming and technology in the classroom. The project, named "Points of View," will rely on the unmatched resources of C-SPAN -- the nation's premier public affairs network -- the proven technological innovation of Project View and Time Warner Cable's state-of-the-art broadband network.

To watch a slideshow and learn more, go to: <http://www.twalbany.com/education/pointsofview.php>

#### 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](mailto:gary.wengrofsky@twcable.com).

# Special CIC Educational Programs and Websites for Teachers

## Celebrate Black History Month in February

### AOL@SCHOOL

#### Black History Feature

To kick off the year, [AOL@School](#) just lunched the Black History feature, which includes highlights such as:

- Online quizzes and crossword puzzles covering key milestones in African-American history.
- Biographies of African-American inventors, scientists, mathematicians and artists.
- Lesson plans and activities allowing for the incorporation of black history throughout the school year.
- Online polls and message boards where educators can share views on celebrating black history month as well as swap lessons with colleagues.

<http://school.aol.com/features/blackhistory/index.adp>

### A&E Classroom Biography

#### Thurgood Marshall: Justice for All

This episode profiles the crusading attorney who became the first African American to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Airs February 3 at 7:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

[http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0184.html](http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0184.html)

#### Malcolm X: A Search for Identity

Featuring speeches and interviews from the 1960s and a confession from one of Malcolm's assassins, this documentary presents a portrait of the influential advocate of Black Nationalism.

Airs February 4 at 7:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

[http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0123.html](http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0123.html)

#### Biography: Nelson Mandela: Journey to Freedom

Using archival footage and interviews with Mandela's friends and colleagues, this episode profiles the former country herder who was instrumental in ending the policy of apartheid and went on to become the President of South Africa.

Airs February 6 at 7:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

[http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0124.html](http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0124.html)

#### Biography: Sidney Poitier: The Defiant One

This episode profiles the actor/director who shattered the color barrier in Hollywood and won acclaim for his roles in *Lilies of the Field* and *In the Heat of the Night*.

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

[http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0150.html](http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0150.html)

#### Biography: Forever Ella

This two-part episode celebrates Ella Fitzgerald's career as one of the greatest female singers. The program features rarely seen performances, original recordings, and interviews with celebrities who knew or were influenced by her, including Dizzy Gillespie, Benny Carter, Quincy Jones, and Rosemary Clooney.

Part 1 of 2. Airs February 11 at 7:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

Part 2 of 2. Airs February 12 at 7:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

[http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0874.html](http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0874.html)

#### Biography: Sally Hemings: Redefining History

This documentary examines the life of the African American slave who was referred to as Thomas Jefferson's concubine by his political foes. Recent studies contend that Jefferson may have fathered one or more of Hemings' five children.

Airs February 12 at 8:00pm & February 13 at 12:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

[http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0483.html](http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0483.html)

### Biography: Jesse Jackson: I Am Somebody

Featuring interviews with civil-rights leaders who recall Jackson's role as a member of Martin Luther King Jr.'s inner circle, this episode profiles the charismatic and controversial African American leader and onetime presidential candidate.

Airs February 13 at 7:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

[http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0108.html](http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0108.html)

### Biography: Colin Powell: A Soldier's Campaign

This episode looks at the life and military career of the popular general, from his South Bronx upbringing to his leadership as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Gulf War.

Airs February 14 at 7:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

[http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0153.html](http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0153.html)

## BET on Learning

### The Naked Truth

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

Airs February 23 at 3:00am ET. Black Entertainment Television (0:30)

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

## Bravo in the Classroom

### Walter Mosley

This program examines the creative process of the author known for his detective novels Devil in a Blue Dress, A Red Death, and White Butterfly, and noted for his use of the noir genre to document black history.

Airs February 4 at 6:00am ET. Bravo (1:00)

[http://www.bravotv.com/classroom/index.php?page=november\\_2002&profile=20021126\\_mosley](http://www.bravotv.com/classroom/index.php?page=november_2002&profile=20021126_mosley)

### Louis Armstrong

This program profiles the world-renowned jazz soloist, from his impoverished youth in New Orleans to his life as a band leader, actor, and cultural ambassador.

Airs February 18 at 6:00am ET. Bravo (1:00)

[http://www.bravotv.com/classroom/index.php?page=february\\_2003&profile=20030218\\_armstrong](http://www.bravotv.com/classroom/index.php?page=february_2003&profile=20030218_armstrong)

## History Channel Classroom

### In Search of History: Ships of Slaves: The Middle Passage

Using interviews with scholars, oral histories, and dramatic re-creations, this program chronicles the history of the transatlantic slave trade, in which millions of Africans were kidnapped and shipped to America.

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

[http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study\\_guide/archives/thc\\_guide.0220.html](http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0220.html)

### America's Black Warriors: Two Wars to Win

Using interviews and Department of Defense visual materials, this program focuses on the role of African Americans in the military during WWII, including their battles with racism. Colin Powell and other prominent black military figures offer commentary.

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

[http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study\\_guide/archives/thc\\_guide.0326.html](http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0326.html)

### Harlem Hellfighters

This program looks at the impressive fighting record of the black members of the 369th Battalion, who were kept from fighting alongside white American soldiers during WWI.

Airs February 7 at 6:00am ET. History Channel (1:00)

[http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study\\_guide/archives/thc\\_guide.0116.html](http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0116.html)

### Save Our History: The Underground Railroad

Hosted by actor Alfre Woodard, this two-part program uses slaves' engravings, songs, and diary entries to chronicle their quest for freedom and profiles some prominent figures of the Underground Railroad, including Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, and Harriet Beecher Stowe.

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

Part 2 of 2 airs February 25 at 6:00am ET. History Channel (1:00)

[http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study\\_guide/archives/thc\\_guide.0296.html](http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0296.html)

### A Fragile Freedom: African American Landmarks

This program explores eight unique African American historic sites around the country and reveals the strength of black communities during the 1800s.

Airs February 27 at 6:00am ET. History Channel (1:00)

[http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study\\_guide/archives/thc\\_guide.1607.html](http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.1607.html)

## Home and Garden Television Classroom

### Homes of the Underground Railroad

This two-part documentary visits famous homes of the Underground Railroad, where people risked their own freedom to help fleeing slaves.

Part 1 of 2 airs February 3 at 5:00am ET. HGTV (0:22)

Part 2 of 2 airs February 17 at 5:00am ET. HGTV (0:22)

<http://www.ciconline.org/resources/searchresults/detail.htm?sel=0&search=Part+1+of+2&parent=Homes+of+the+Underground+Railroad>

## Lifetime Classroom

### Intimate Portrait: Harriet Tubman

This program profiles the former slave who fought for the equality of all people, led more than 300 slaves to freedom, and served in the Union Army.

Airs February 5 at 4:00am ET. Lifetime (1:00)

[http://www.lifetimetv.com/community/olc/cable/bio\\_tubman.html](http://www.lifetimetv.com/community/olc/cable/bio_tubman.html)

### Intimate Portrait: Rosa Parks

This program profiles the seamstress whose refusal to give up her bus seat to a white man helped spark the Civil Rights movement.

Airs February 12 at 4:00am ET. Lifetime (1:00)

[http://www.lifetimetv.com/shows/ip/portraits/0101/0101\\_index.html](http://www.lifetimetv.com/shows/ip/portraits/0101/0101_index.html)

## Disney Channel Classroom

### The Color of Friendship

This 1999 Disney original movie tells the true story of an African American family who offered their home to an African exchange student in 1977 and was surprised to find out that their guest was a white South African girl who was raised during apartheid to believe that blacks are inferior.

Airs February 4 at 3:00am ET. Disney Channel (1:30)

<http://disneyvideos.disney.go.com/moviefinder/products/2368303.html>

## Nickelodeon Classroom

### [Nick News: Episode 158](#)

This episode features Julian Bond, former president of the NAACP, presenting a biography of Martin Luther King Jr.; profiles a 14-year-old boy who spoke at the Million Man March; tells the story of Ruby Bridges, a young girl who had to be escorted to her school in 1960 during desegregation; and visits the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Martin Luther King Jr.'s first church.

Airs February 7 at 6:00am ET. Nickelodeon (0:30)

Airs February 24 at 6:00am ET. Nickelodeon (0:30)

[http://www.nickjr.com/grownups/teachers/supplies/shows/nick\\_news/nn158A.jhtml](http://www.nickjr.com/grownups/teachers/supplies/shows/nick_news/nn158A.jhtml)

## Home Box Office Classroom

### [Unchained Memories: Readings from the Slave Narratives](#)

Featuring archival photographs, authentic slave-era music, film footage, and readings by prominent African American figures, this program draws on interviews with the last generation of African Americans born into bondage prior to the end of the Civil War.

Airs February 10 at 8:00pm ET. HBO (1:13)

Airs February 14 at 6:45pm ET. HBO (1:13)

Airs February 16 at 5:00pm ET. HBO (1:13)

Airs February 20 at 2:45pm ET. HBO (1:13)

Airs February 22 at 2:00pm ET. HBO (1:13)

Airs February 24 at 8:30pm ET. HBO (1:13)

Airs February 26 at 11:15am ET. HBO (1:13)

<http://www.time.com/time/classroom/unchained1/>

[http://www.hbo.com/docs/programs/unchained\\_memories/index.html](http://www.hbo.com/docs/programs/unchained_memories/index.html)

## Discovery Channel Online

### [African American Population Shifts](#)

This lesson plan for grades 6–8 includes discussion questions, adaptations for older students, evaluation suggestions, extensions, standards, vocabulary, and links to related resources.

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/tpl-anyplacebutthere/>

### [Racism: Law and Attitude](#)

In this stand-alone lesson plan for grades 9–12 students learn about the challenges in creating and enforcing laws that make certain racist actions and speech illegal. This lesson includes discussion questions links to related reading, vocabulary, and standards.

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

## MTV's Community of the Future

### [Diary of Bono and Chris Tucker: Aiding Africa](#)

This two-part program follows U2 front man Bono, actor/comedian Chris Tucker, and two college students through Africa as they witness the global AIDS crisis firsthand.

Part 1 of 2 airs February 10 at 4:00am ET. MTV (0:24)

Part 2 Of 2 airs February 17 at 4:00am ET. MTV (0:24)

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

## VH1 Music Studio

### [VH1 Legends: Sam Cooke](#)

Featuring rare and never-before-seen footage and interviews with Aretha Franklin, Muhammad Ali, and Dick Clark, this documentary profiles the career and personal life of the singer/songwriter, from his gospel-singing roots in the early 1950s through his R&B and pop music career to his untimely death in 1964.

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

<http://www.vh1musicstudio.com/>

## Educational Programs with Websites for Teachers, Parents and Students

### The WB's 7th Heaven Special Episode "Smoking" airs Feb. 3

The WB Television Network's 7th Heaven proudly introduces "Smoking," an educational episode with taping rights and comprehensive online materials for educators, students and parents!

This episode focuses on the health and social consequences related to cigarette smoking, and underscores the fact that young people are at risk for becoming addicted to cigarettes. "Smoking" also looks at both social and emotional factors that can influence a person's decision to smoke.

"Smoking" airs on The WB Television Network on Monday, February 3 at 8:00 pm ET.

FREE educational materials will be available at <http://CNNstudentnews.com> and <http://TheWB.com>

### Upcoming AOL@SCHOOL Themes

Each week, AOL@SCHOOL will center 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:

2/1 - Black History (available through 2/28)

2/8 - Transportation

2/15 - World Leaders

2/22 - The '60s

### AOL@School Points of Interest

#### Financial Resources

Start the second half of the school year off on the right foot by getting the financial assistance your school needs and deserves. Whether it is through grants or fund-raising, discover ways that you can bring some extra money into your school or classroom and make the learning experience for your students the best it can be. <http://school.aol.com/administrators/business/grants/index.adp>

Get AOL@SCHOOL's FREE software for your school, with web filtering, e-mail and more. Call 888-468-3768 or find out more and order an installation packet today at <http://school.aol.com/order/index.adp>

### CNN Student News on CNN Headline News

#### Special Feature on Groundhog Job Shadow Day

Be sure to join CNN Student News on Monday, February 3 as we "shadow" kids for Groundhog Job Shadow Day. The goal of Groundhog Job Shadow Day is to match students with host organizations who will show them what a "real world" job is like, and how the skills learned in school could be put into action. We'll talk to kids participating and find out what they're learning "on the job," and how it's shaping their professional plans. This story is a great way for your students to get a peek inside the professional world.

CNN Student News airs on the CNN Headline News network from 3:12 - 3:22 am Eastern Time. The 10-minute block of commercial-free programming includes the top stories from around the world, and our extensive online Daily Classroom Guide - available at <http://CNNstudentnews.com> - contains great Discussion/Activities that help integrate the news into your curriculum.

CNN Student is now closed-captioned! The addition of captioning makes CNN Student News convenient for the hearing-impaired, as well as English as a Second Language students and teachers.

## 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).

## Court TV: Choices and Consequences

### Empowering Children in the Aftermath of Hate

Featuring an address by First Lady Laura Bush, a children's music video, and artistic expressions from students who attended schools near Ground Zero, this program explores a broad range of issues that are impacting youth post-September 11th, including stereotyping, prejudice, discrimination, and scapegoating. Airs February 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 4:00am ET. Court TV (0:30)  
<http://www.courttv.com/choices/empowering.html>

### R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Respect Is What We Need

Court TV's Your Turn brings teenagers and community leaders together to discuss a legal or social issue of particular significance. This Web site offers video clips and special reports about personal responsibility and dealing with adversity.  
<http://courttv.com/choices/yourturn/respect/index.html>

## C-SPAN Classroom

### Book Events on Book TV

These programming blocks feature author readings and signings, tours of unique bookstores, and interviews with authors, editors, and publishers. Runtimes vary. Airs February 16 at 9:00am ET. C-SPAN2 (2:00)  
<http://www.c-span.org/classroom/>

## Assignment Discovery

### Great Books: Moby Dick

This episode looks at Herman Melville's 1851 novel that explores good and evil and reveals how Melville's experiences as a young seaman influenced his story. Airs February 19 at 9:00am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)  
<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/greatbooks-mobydick/>  
<http://dsc.discovery.com/convergence/mobydick/mobydick.html>

### From Fact to Fiction: Moby Dick

This program explores the sinking of the whale ship Essex, the event that influenced Herman Melville's novel *Moby Dick*, as well as the whaling industry and life on Nantucket. Airs February 19 at 9:30am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)  
<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/programs/greatbooks-mobydick/index.html>  
<http://dsc.discovery.com/convergence/mobydick/mobydick.html>

## ESPN SportsFigures

### Track's Slippery Slope/Batting the Unknown

Five-time Olympic gold medallist Marion Jones demonstrates how graphs may be used for mathematical predictions; baseball's Troy Glaus uses algebraic variables to determine his batting average.

Airs February 3 at 5:30am ET. ESPN2 (0:30)

[http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_slippery\\_slope.jsp?iAm=null](http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_slippery_slope.jsp?iAm=null)

[http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_batting\\_unknown.jsp?iAm=null](http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_batting_unknown.jsp?iAm=null)

### Boarding School/The Trig to Soccer

Skateboarder Tony Hawk explains why energy cannot be created or destroyed; soccer player Julie Foudy demonstrates the uses of trigonometry.

Airs February 10 at 5:30am ET. ESPN2 (0:30)

[http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_boarding.jsp?iAm=null](http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_boarding.jsp?iAm=null)

[http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_trig\\_soccer.jsp?iAm=null](http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_trig_soccer.jsp?iAm=null)

### 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 February 17 at 5:30am ET. ESPN2 (0:30)

[http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_terminal\\_velocity.jsp?iAm=null](http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_terminal_velocity.jsp?iAm=null)

[http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_spin\\_doctor.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 February 24 at 5:30am ET. ESPN2 (0:30)

[http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_running\\_momentum.jsp?iAm=null](http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_running_momentum.jsp?iAm=null)

[http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_tracking\\_speed.jsp?iAm=null](http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_tracking_speed.jsp?iAm=null)

## Discovery Channel Online

### Web Math: Right Angle Relationships

This Web site offers an interactive tool that calculates any side or angle of a right triangle, based on its relationship to other sides or angles of the triangle. The explanation will illustrate how students can apply the Pythagorean theorem, sine, cosine, or tangent equations to calculate sides and angles.

<http://school.discovery.com/homeworkhelp/webmath/rtri.html>

### Understanding: Probability

In this stand-alone lesson plan for grades 6–8, students learn how to solve problems based on probability. This lesson also includes discussion questions and links to related reading, vocabulary, and standards.

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

## Food Network Classroom

### Unwrapped: Movie Candy

This episode visits a classic Hollywood theater for a history of movie munchies and a look at how Dots and Junior Mints are made, how Mike & Ike got its name, and the ingredients of Whoppers.

Airs February 10 at 3:30am ET. Food Network (0:30)

<http://www.foodtv.com/foodtv/show/0,6525,CW,00.html>

### Good Eats: The Fungal Gourmet (Mushrooms)

In this episode, Alton Brown explores different types of this strange edible fungus and demonstrates a variety of ways to prepare them.

Airs February 24 at 3:30am ET. Food Network (0:30)

<http://www.foodtv.com/tvshows/cableintheclassroomfungalgourmet/0,4708,,00.html>

## C-SPAN American Writers

### Mark Twain: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

This Web site offers excerpts from the novel, biographical information about Twain, streaming video from the American Writers: A Journey through History episode, a stand-alone lesson plan for grades 9–12, a crossword puzzle, a timeline, links to related resources, and more.

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

### Frederick Douglass: The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

This Web site offers excerpts from the novel, biographical information about Douglass, a list of his works, video clips of 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/douglass.asp>

### John Steinbeck: The Grapes of Wrath

This Web site offers excerpts from the novel, biographical information about Steinbeck, a list of his other works, streaming video from the American Writers: A Journey through History episode, a stand-alone lesson plan, a crossword puzzle, a time line of events from 1929-1945, links to related resources, a factual scavenger hunt, and more.

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

## Discovery Channel Online

### Frankenstein

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

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

### Walden

This stand-alone lesson plan for grades 9–12 includes objectives, discussion questions, and links to suggested readings, vocabulary, and academic standards.

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

### Great Books, Great Art

This standard-based lesson plan for grades 9–12, which relates visual arts to literature, includes student handouts, extensions, and related links.

<http://school.discovery.com/lessonplans/activities/books-art/index.html>

## Nickelodeon Online

### Reading Activity

This Web site features lessons for preschool students including learning games; alphabet, spelling, and storytelling activities; and reading activities that help young children develop reading and thinking skills.

[http://www.nickjr.com/grownups/parenting/lesson\\_plans/general/reading.jhtml](http://www.nickjr.com/grownups/parenting/lesson_plans/general/reading.jhtml)

## CIC Magazine and CIC Online

Time Warner Cable is glad to provide schools with complimentary copies of Cable in the Classroom Magazine as part of our ongoing commitment to quality public education in America.

Each issue offers comprehensive listings of educational programming organized by instructional subject area. A pull-out calendar helps to remind you about some of the programs available for taping, and feature articles demonstrate how other educators use Cable in the Classroom effectively. Be sure to check out Cable in the Classroom Online, [www.ciconline.org](http://www.ciconline.org)

## A&E Classroom

### Charlotte Brontë's Jane Eyre

This 1997 film adaptation of Brontë's novel stars Samantha Morton as Jane Eyre and Ciaran Hinds as Edward Rochester.

Airs February 2 at 1:00 pm ET. A&E Network, (2:00)

[http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0362.html](http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0362.html)

[http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0363.html](http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0363.html)

### America's Castles

This documentary series focuses on great mansions, including a look at the history, owners, and construction of the estates. This month's episodes include grand houses of Chicago, mansions of the Midwest, presidential estates, and more.

Airs February 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 11:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

[http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0037.html](http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0037.html)

### Biography: Abraham Lincoln: Preserving the Union

This two-part documentary explores Lincoln's life, including his education, marriage, and political career, highlighting his debates with Stephen Douglas and his agonizing decisions during the Civil War.

Part 1 of 2. airs February 19 at 7:00am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

Part 2 of 2. Airs February 20 at 7:00pm ET. A&E Network (1:00)

[http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0905.html](http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0905.html)

## History Channel Classroom

### A History of Britain: Beginnings

This episode spans 4,000 years in the world of prehistoric Britons, from the embryonic village of Skara Brae to the arrival of the Romans. Part 1 of 6.

Airs February 2 at 7:00am 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.1264.html)

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### A History of Britain: Conquest

This episode explores the Norman Conquest, when Great Britain began to turn south, becoming part of an Anglo-Norman empire that overshadowed even the kings of France. Part 2 of 6.

Airs February 9 at 7:00am 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.1265.html)

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### A History of Britain: Dynasty

This episode looks at the relationship between church and state, represented by Thomas Becket and King Henry II during Great Britain's medieval period, as well as the internecine struggle of the great Norman dynasty and the emergence of a new Angevin dynasty. Part 3 of 6.

Airs February 16 at 7:00am 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.1267.html)

[bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study\\_guide/archives/thc\\_guide.1267.html](http://www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.1267.html)

### Save Our History: The White House: 200th Anniversary

Chronicling the construction of the White House, this documentary talks with the families that lived there and examines its symbolic significance in American history.

Airs February 14 at 7:00am 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.0434.html)

[bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study\\_guide/archives/thc\\_guide.0434.html](http://www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.0434.html)

## Assignment Discovery

### 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 February 6 at 9:00am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

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

### Amazing Destinations: 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 February 6 at 9:30am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

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

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

### 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 February 7 at 9:00am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

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

### Discover Magazine: 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 February 7 at 9:30am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

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

### Weather on Mars

In this program, scientists in the Mojave Desert attempt to determine what triggers the dust storms that rage across Mars by simulating the 200-mile-per-hour Martian winds.

Airs February 13 at 9:00am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

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

### Weather on Jupiter

In this program, scientists simulate Jovian weather in order to calculate the ferocity of Jupiter's monstrous thunderstorms.

Airs February 13 at 9:30am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

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

## The Weather Classroom

### 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 February 17 and 20 at 4:00am ET. The Weather Channel (0:30)

<http://www.weather.com/education/wxclass/lessonplans/geographylessonplan.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 February 13 at 4:00am ET. The Weather Channel (0:30)

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

### The Atmosphere

This episode explores such atmospheric phenomena as trade winds, warm and cold fronts, jet streams, and the seasons.

Airs February 24 and 27 at 4:00am ET. The Weather Channel (0:30)

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

# Contests, Opportunities and Educational Events

## Time Warner Cable 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, DC. 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](mailto:eric.kantor@twcable.com) or go to our website at <http://www.twalbany.com/education/crystalapple2003.php>. **Deadline to enter is April 18, 2003.**

## 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

<u>School 1</u>	<u>School 2</u>	<u>Week of</u>
Guilderland	Cairo - Durham	1/27-2/2/03
Berne Knox Westerlo	Voorhesville	2/3-2/9/03
Averill Park	Mohonasen	2/10-2/16/03
Doane Stuart	Cario - Durham	2/17-2/23/03
Niskayuna	CBA	2/24-3/2/03
Coxsackie - Athens	CBA	3/3/-3/9/03
Guilderland	Cocsackie	3/10-3/16/03

"MasterMinds" will be shown on TWC local channel 2 in Albany/Troy, 14 on all other systems and on channel 11 in Pittsfield Mass. 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](http://www.hydeartmuseum.org) or call the Museum educator at 518-792-1761, extension 27.

## 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.

### February 11, Ensemble Selah!

"Hearts on Sleeves" features Romantic music for cello and piano. Pianist Nancy Hull has been active in the Capital Region for many years, sharing the stage with the Albany Symphony, the New York State Theatre Institute, the Saratoga Chamber Singers and the nationally acclaimed chorus, Albany Pro Musica. For this performance, she is joined by 17-year-old cellist Ashley Bathgate, former principal cellist with the Empire State Youth Orchestra.

For more information on the concert series, visit <http://www.troymusicall.org/noon.asp>

## Space Day 2003 Design Challenges

**Open to:** Students or groups of students who register online at the Space Day 2003 website. There will be two competitions, one for grades 4–6 and one for grades 7–8. This year's Design Challenges are: Fly to the Future, in which students design a future commercial aircraft; Watt Power, in which they develop alternative fuel sources for future flight; and Planetary Explorers, in which students design spacecraft to explore other planets.

**Prizes:** "Stellar" solutions will be nationally recognized by Space Day co-chair Senator John Glenn at the Space Day opening ceremony on May 1, 2003.

**Deadline:** March 1, 2003

**For information:** Go to the [Space Day 2003 website](#)

## C-SPAN Teacher Fellowships

The C-SPAN Education Foundation and Time Warner Cable offer Middle & High School Teacher Fellowships to teachers and media specialists who have demonstrated creative use of C-SPAN in the Classroom. Fellows go to Washington, D.C., for four weeks during the summer to work with members of C-SPAN's Community Relations Department.

Teachers and media specialists may request applications directly from C-SPAN in the Classroom by sending an e-mail to [educate@c-span.org](mailto:educate@c-span.org). **Deadline: Friday, March 14, 2003.**

## 2003 National History Day

**Open to:** Students in grades 6–12 working alone or in a group, who submit an entry that addresses the 2003 National History Day theme, "Rights and Responsibilities in History."

**Prizes:** At each level of competition, outstanding achievement will be recognized through certificates, medals, trophies or monetary awards. A number of special prizes may be given at the regional, state or national level.

**Deadline:** Regional deadlines vary; check with your local History Day contact. Contact information is available on the National History Day website.

**For information:** Go to the [National History Day website](#)

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