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

### **Dear Educator:**

Happy New Year! The January 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.

## **Special CIC Educational Programs and Websites for Teachers**

### **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 character development with high school students and emphasizing the importance of fostering character development in schools and communities.

Airs at 4:00 am ET on January 4, 11, 18 and 25. Court TV (0:30)

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

### **Bravo in the Classroom: Page to Screen**

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

#### Jaws

Airs January 8 at 6:00 am ET. Bravo (1:00)

[http://www.bravotv.com/classroom/index.php?page=january\\_2003&profile=20030107\\_jaws](http://www.bravotv.com/classroom/index.php?page=january_2003&profile=20030107_jaws)

#### The English Patient

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

[http://www.bravotv.com/classroom/index.php?page=january\\_2003&profile=20030115\\_english](http://www.bravotv.com/classroom/index.php?page=january_2003&profile=20030115_english)

## Assignment Discovery

### Commander in Chief: George H. Bush

Featuring interviews with historians, journalists and former presidential advisors, this two-part program examines Bush's decision to amass the largest army ever in the Persian Gulf to stop Saddam Hussein, never losing sight of the painful lessons of Vietnam.

Part 1 airs January 2 at 9:00 am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

Part 2 airs January 2 at 9:30 am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

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

### Free at Last

This two-part program looks at some of the martyrs of the Civil Rights movement who paid the ultimate price in their fight for equality, including Martin Luther King Jr., NAACP secretary Medgar Evers, and civil rights workers Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner.

Part 1 airs January 3 at 9:00 am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

Part 2 airs January 3 at 9:30 am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

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

## A&E Classroom Biography

### Eureka! The 20th Century's Top 15 Inventors

Featuring interviews with authors, executives, media personalities and the inventors themselves, this episode profiles some of the most important inventors of the 20th century.

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

[http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.1382.html](http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.1382.html)

### Michelangelo: Artist and Man

This program examines the life of the great Renaissance artist and looks at his paintings and sculptures, including his most famous work on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

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

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

## Home and Garden Television Classroom

### How's That Made?

Area Rugs/Gateway Computers: This episode tours a factory that produces area rugs and visits a manufacturing plant for computers.

Airs January 6 at 5:00 am ET. HGTV (0:22)

[http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/about\\_us/article/0,1783,HGTV\\_3080\\_1424914,00.html](http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/about_us/article/0,1783,HGTV_3080_1424914,00.html)

## Lifetime Classroom

### Intimate Portrait: Terry McMillan

This program profiles the author of such novels as "Waiting to Exhale" and "How Stella Got Her Groove Back". McMillan was a struggling single mother who became a publishing powerhouse and helped open the door for other African American authors.

Airs January 8 at 4:00 am ET. Lifetime (1:00)

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

## MTV's Community of the Future

This series presents substantive, thought-provoking programming from MTV's award-winning news department for educators to use in their classrooms as part of the Cable in the Classroom initiative. COMMUNITY OF THE FUTURE lesson plans are designed to help educators maximize the value of the programs and prepare young adults to understand and better manage the world around them today, as they grow into adulthood. Set your VCR on Sunday nights/Monday mornings at 4 a.m. <http://www.mtv.com/partners/cic/>

### MTV News Now: Bullies

Focusing on the experiences of bullies, victims and bystanders, this program explores the severe and sometimes violent consequences of high-school harassment, suggesting ways in which young people can take a stand and help stop the problem. Sensitive content.

Airs January 13 at 4:00 am ET. MTV (0:24)

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

### Aftermath of Terror

This two-part program examines how the sorrow, suspicion and fear following the events of September 11, 2001, affected one New Jersey community. The program also encourages young people to increase their social and emotional awareness. Mature subject matter and sensitive content.

Part 1 airs January 20 at 4:00 am ET. MTV (0:24)

Part 2 airs January 27 at 4:00 am ET. MTV (0:24)

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

## TLC Elementary School

### Forces

"Magnetism" looks at how this force led to the creation of the compass, telephone, television, generator, clock and electric light. "Gravity and Buoyancy" examines how these two forces shape our world and our lives. "Friction" explains why tires skid in the rain, sneakers squeak on courts and skis glide softly over the snow.

Airs January 10 at 8:30 am ET. The Learning Channel (0:30)

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

## The Weather Classroom

### The Sky Show

Through fun experiments and amazing footage of the sky, this episode examines a variety of natural occurrences that take place above our heads.

Airs January 6 and 9 at 4:00 am ET. The Weather Channel (30 min.)

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

### Weather and Water

This episode explores rain, clouds, dew, fog, humidity, El Niño, La Niña, droughts and floods; visits with hydrometeorologists and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and demonstrates condensation and evaporation.

Airs January 13 and 16 at 4:00 am ET. The Weather Channel (30 min.)

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

## History Channel Classroom

### Save Our History: 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 January 10 at 6:00 am ET. History Channel (1:00)

<http://www.historychannel.com/classroom/index.html>

### Antarctica: A Frozen History

Through adventure diaries, rare photos and newspaper accounts, this two-part program chronicles the exploration of this remote, frozen continent, including unsuccessful 18th-century attempts to reach the South Pole, the demise of Robert F. Scott and his British team, and the work conducted.

Part 1 airs January 13 at 6:00 am ET. History Channel (1:00)

Part 2 airs January 14 at 6:00 am 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.1687.html](http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/classroom/admin/study_guide/archives/thc_guide.1687.html)

### Christopher Columbus: Explorer of the New World

This program chronicles the life of the explorer, from his first voyages to the Americas to his final journey that left him marooned for a year in Jamaica and his return to Spain where he died a forgotten man.

Airs January 17 at 6:00 am ET. History Channel (1:00)

[http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0039.html](http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0039.html)

## ESPN SportsFigures

Designed for middle and high school students, this series features professional athletes who help demonstrate math and physics concepts through sports. Most appropriate for grades 6-12.

[http://www.sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_home.jsp](http://www.sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_home.jsp)

### Running with Momentum/Tracking Speed

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

Airs January 6 at 5:30 am ET. ESPN2 (0:30)

[http://www.sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_running\\_momentum.jsp](http://www.sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_running_momentum.jsp)

[http://www.sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_tracking\\_speed.jsp](http://www.sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_tracking_speed.jsp)

### Elastic Racquet/In Golf Gravitass

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

Airs January 13 at 5:30 am ET. ESPN2 (0:30)

[http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_elastic\\_racket.jsp?iAm=null](http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_elastic_racket.jsp?iAm=null)

[http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_golf\\_gravitas.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 January 20 at 5:30 am ET. (0:30)

[http://www.sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_mu\\_do.jsp](http://www.sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_mu_do.jsp)

[http://www.sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_inline\\_inertia.jsp](http://www.sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_inline_inertia.jsp)

### The Math Reaction/Running on Metrics

Baseball player Troy Glaus demonstrates the math concepts behind distance, speed and time; five-time Olympic gold medalist Marion Jones discusses the differences between the metric system and the measuring system used by the U.S.

Airs January 27 at 5:30 am ET. ESPN2 (0:30)

[http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp\\_math\\_reaction.jsp?iAm=null](http://sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/lp_math_reaction.jsp?iAm=null)

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

## ESPN SportsFigures Interactive Zone

This website provides sports-related problems about kinetic energy, momentum, Newton's laws, energy conservation, energy loss and drag for students in grades 9-12.

[http://www.sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/stu\\_izone.jsp](http://www.sportsfigures.espn.com/sportsfigures/stu_izone.jsp)

## CNN Student News

Featuring topical news stories, this series presents current events in a way that helps teachers explain complex current events as they occur. Also relates to Media Studies, Political Science and Civics. Most appropriate for grades 6-12. <http://fyi.cnn.com/fyi/>

M-F, 3:12 am ET. CNN Headline News (10 min.)

## Cable News Network Online

### Personal Finance: Money 101

This website offers information about saving money, banking, paying bills, Internet banking, money management, interest, a glossary of terms and more.

<http://money.cnn.com/pf/101/lessons/3/>

## 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:

January 4 - The '50s

January 11 - Renaissance

January 18 - Dinosaurs

January 25 - Asian History & Heritage

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

## BET on Learning

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 January 26 at 3:00 am ET. Black Entertainment Television (0:30)

<http://www.affiliatekit.com/networks/bet/bet4cop/classroomconnection/index.html>

## Black Entertainment Television Online

### 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. They also include objectives, steps for the lesson process, and associated activity sheets.

<http://www.affiliatekit.com/networks/bet/bet4cop/classroomconnection/index.html>

## Home and Garden Television Classroom

### Restore America: Wisconsin

In this episode, Bob Vila explores historical restorations throughout the state, including homes in Muskegon restored through a community-tax effort; a totally renovated Main Street in Port Huron; and a block of houses in Detroit restored by a Haitian immigrant.

Airs January 20 at 5:00 am ET. HGTV (0:22)

[http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/about\\_us/article/0,1783,HGTV\\_3080\\_1424914,00.html](http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/about_us/article/0,1783,HGTV_3080_1424914,00.html)

## Bravo in the Classroom

### Bret Easton Ellis

This program profiles the novelist who addresses nihilism, pop culture, drugs, nightlife and obsession in his books *Less Than Zero* and *American Psycho*.

Airs January 22 at 6:00 am ET. Bravo (1:00)

[http://www.bravotv.com/classroom/index.php?page=january\\_2003&profile=20030122\\_ellis](http://www.bravotv.com/classroom/index.php?page=january_2003&profile=20030122_ellis)

### 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 January 23 at 6:00 am ET. Bravo (1:00)

[http://www.bravotv.com/classroom/index.php?page=january\\_2003&profile=20030123\\_salinger](http://www.bravotv.com/classroom/index.php?page=january_2003&profile=20030123_salinger)

## C-SPAN Classroom

### Washington Journal

This live series focuses on the issues and events of Capitol Hill. In addition to public-policy officials discussing major news, the program includes call-ins and a point/counterpoint segment. Viewers nationwide are invited to ask questions or request information by calling (202) 624-1111 (ET/CT) or (202) 624-1115 (MT/PT).

Airs January 24 at 7:00 am ET. C-SPAN (3:00)

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

## Food Network Classroom

### Good Eats: A Grind Is a Terrible Thing to Waste

In this episode Alton Brown prepares meat loaf and demonstrates other ground-beef preparation techniques. Curriculum Areas: Social Studies, Mathematics, Science and Language Arts.

Airs January 27 at 3:30 am ET. Food Network (0:30)

<http://www.foodtv.com/tvshows/cableintheclassroomagrindisaterriblethingtowaste/0,4707,,00.html>

## Assignment Discovery

### World War II: The Pacific

Featuring combat footage and interviews with Japanese and American veterans, this two-part program chronicles the battles in the Pacific theater, from early warnings of Japanese aggression to the U.S. atomic-bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Part 1 airs January 13 at 9:00 am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

Part 2 airs January 13 at 9:30 am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

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

### Pearl Harbor

Featuring interviews and film footage of the attack, this two-part program chronicles the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and shows a reunion between America's first Japanese POW and his American captors.

Part 1 airs January 14 at 9:00 am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

Part 2 airs January 14 at 9:30 am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

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

### Afghanistan: 12 Years of Violence

This program charts the history of Afghanistan from the Soviet invasion to the rise of the Taliban and explains how this once sophisticated, educated and artistic nation became the war-torn headquarters of Osama bin Laden.

Airs January 15 at 9:00 am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

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

### The Korean War

This two-part program chronicles the Korean War from the perspective of the common soldier. It also examines the events that led to the conflict, the clash between President Harry Truman and General Douglas MacArthur, and Mao Zedong's looming presence.

Part 1 airs January 16 at 9:00 am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

Part 2 airs January 16 at 9:30 am ET. Discovery Channel (0:30)

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

## CIC Online

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.com/Resources/MoreResources/Calendar/default.htm>

## Blue Planet: Seas of Life

### Open Ocean

This episode explores the vast marine desert that is home to creatures that adapt and thrive thousands of miles away from the shelter of land and reefs, and depicts the survival strategies and interactions between predator and prey.

Airs Date: January 27 at 9:00 am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

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

### Frozen Seas

This episode travels to Arctic seas to find the wildlife living beneath the ice, including beluga whales, polar bears, emperor penguins and other animals that have adapted to the frigid temperatures.

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

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

### Seasonal Seas

This episode looks at the ways in which life adapts to seasonal changes in temperature, light, currents, and nutrient supplies, as well as how cycles of change affect reproduction, migration and interdependence among all marine organisms.

Airs January 29 at 9:00 am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

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

### Coral Seas

This episode travels to the shallow, warm seas that are home to coral reefs, communities abundant with some of Earth's rarest and most colorful organisms.

Airs January 30 at 9:00 am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

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

### Tidal Seas

This final episode explores how marine life moves to the rhythm of the sea, explains how the gravitational forces of the Sun and Moon create tides that rise and fall, and examines how tidal highs and lows affect marine life.

Airs January 31 at 9:00 am ET. Discovery Channel (1:00)

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

## Discovery Channel Online

### Brain Boosters: Number and Math Play

This archived section of Discovery School's Brain Boosters contains more than 60 puzzles and quizzes for students of all ages to test their math skills related to addition, subtraction, patterns, averages, algebra and much more.

<http://school.discovery.com/brainboosters/#number>

# Educational Programs with Websites for Teachers, Parents and Students

## CNN Presents: Classroom Edition

This edited version of CNN Presents offers classroom-relevant episodes of the documentary series. This version will only air when the topic is relevant to the classroom and may be occasionally preempted.

Airs January 6 at 4:00 am ET. Cable News Network (1:00)

<http://fyi.cnn.com/fyi/>

## Nickelodeon Classroom

### Nick News: Episode 123

This episode looks at the controversy surrounding cloning; profiles an inline skating group; visits a drive-through wedding chapel in Florida; and explores a sanctuary for exotic birds.

Airs January 8 at 6:00 am ET. Nickelodeon (0:30)

[http://www.nickjr.com/grownups/teachers/supplies/shows/nick\\_news/nn123.jhtml](http://www.nickjr.com/grownups/teachers/supplies/shows/nick_news/nn123.jhtml)

### Nick News: Episode 125

This episode explores why the latest treatments are not being given to thousands of U.S. children with AIDS/HIV; profiles a cappella singer Bobby McFerrin; tells the story of a blind congressional fellow; and follows a group of teens as they embark on an Outward Bound adventure.

Airs January 15 at 6:00 am ET. Nickelodeon (0:30)

[http://www.nickjr.com/grownups/teachers/supplies/shows/nick\\_news/nn125.jhtml](http://www.nickjr.com/grownups/teachers/supplies/shows/nick_news/nn125.jhtml)

### Nick News: Special Edition - A Conversation with Magic

This program features former NBA player Magic Johnson discussing AIDS-related issues with a group of kids.

Airs January 22 at 6:00 am ET. Nickelodeon (0:30)

[http://www.nickjr.com/grownups/teachers/supplies/shows/nick\\_news/nse-conversation\\_magic.jhtml](http://www.nickjr.com/grownups/teachers/supplies/shows/nick_news/nse-conversation_magic.jhtml)

## VH1 Music Studio

### Storytellers: Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young

In this program, these reunited legends discuss playing their music and the stories behind their most memorable songs. The program features performances of such hits as "After the Gold Rush," "Teach Your Children" and "Only Love Can Break Your Heart."

Airs January 8 at 4:00 am ET. VH1 (1:00)

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

## Animal Planet Classroom

### Champions of the Wild

This program features the work of human protectors and researchers who have observed animals at close quarters and share a passion to communicate their concern for these animals. This month's topics include Barbados vervet monkeys, rattlesnakes, hippos, elk, manatees, sandhill whooping cranes and Tasmanian devils.

Airs January 8 at 6:30 am ET. Animal Planet (0:30)

<http://animal.discovery.com/>

## A&E Biography Special

### The Impressionists: The Road to Impressionism

This two-part episode explores the origins of impressionism, when a core group including Edgar Degas, Camille Pissarro, Claude Monet and Auguste Renoir began to paint using short strokes, commas and dots to rapidly capture a moment in time.

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

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

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

### The Impressionists: Capturing the Moment

This two-part episode chronicles the end of the impressionist movement, including the Prussian occupation of Paris in 1870; the deaths of Pissarro, Renoir and Monet; and the exhibition and sale of their paintings

Part 3 airs January 9 at 7:00 am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

Part 4 airs January 10 at 7:00 am ET. . A&E Network (1:00)

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

## Disney Channel Classroom

### The Proud Family: I Had a Dream

This animated program finds Penny, an African American teen, transported back to 1955 where she is confronted with living in a time of segregation.

Airs January 7 at 3:00 am ET. Disney Channel (0:30)

## 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).

## History Channel Online

### Aaron Copland: On Composition

This website includes an audio clip of Copland speaking about composition, as well as a brief biography about the man who is often considered America's finest composer.

[http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/speeches/archive/speech\\_417.html](http://www.historychannel.com/cgi-bin/frameit.cgi?p=http%3A/www.historychannel.com/speeches/archive/speech_417.html)

## A&E Classroom

### Bill Gates: Sultan of Software

This episode chronicles the life and career of Gates, from his childhood in Seattle to the founding of Microsoft and his legal battles with IBM, Macintosh and the U.S. government.

Airs January 17 at 7:00 am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

[http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.0470.html](http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.0470.html)

### The Lost World

This 2001 four-part adaptation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's novel about the search for a lost civilization stars Bob Hoskins and Peter Falk.

Part 1 airs January 27 at 7:00 am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

Part 2 airs January 28 at 7:00 am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

Part 3 airs January 29 at 7:00 am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

Part 4 airs January 30 at 7:00 am ET. A&E Network (1:00)

[http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study\\_guide/archives/aetv\\_guide.1414.html](http://www.aande.com/class/admin/study_guide/archives/aetv_guide.1414.html)

## Nickelodeon Online

### Dora The Explorer Spanish Words of the Day

This website offers printable learning games and allows students to listen to Dora pronounce new Spanish words. English translations and the Spanish pronunciation of each word are provided.

[http://www.nickjr.com/grownups/home/shows/dora/word\\_of\\_the\\_day/](http://www.nickjr.com/grownups/home/shows/dora/word_of_the_day/)

## Discovery Channel Online

### Math in Everyday Life

This stand-alone lesson plan for grades 2–3 includes objectives, discussion questions and links to suggested readings, math problems, vocabulary and academic standards.

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

### Understanding: Time

In this stand-alone lesson plan for grades 6–8, students create a sundial. This lesson also includes discussion questions, links to related reading, adaptations for younger students, vocabulary and standards.

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

# Contests, Opportunities and Educational Events

## The Common Good

### Sponsored by Time Warner Cable and C-SPAN

**Open to:** High school students who submit an essay or other project using at least one C-SPAN resource. This Year's Challenge Question: How do we balance civil liberties and national security to best serve the Common Good?

**Prizes:** Up to 10 student winners and their teachers will receive a behind-the-scenes weeklong trip to Washington, D.C.

**Deadline:** Entry forms and projects from students in Time Warner Cable service areas are due **January 31, 2003**. All materials should be submitted to Time Warner Cable, Attn: The Common Good, 290 Harbor Drive, Stamford, CT 06902. Winners will be notified no later than March 7, 2003.

**For info, go to** [http://www.c-span.org/classroom/commongood/cg2003\\_infotw.asp](http://www.c-span.org/classroom/commongood/cg2003_infotw.asp)

## Celebrate "National Mentoring Month" January 2003!

To celebrate National Mentoring Month, AOL Time Warner and the AOL Time Warner Foundation have launched the "Connect More Kids with Mentors," a campaign which is designed to raise awareness about mentoring opportunities. AOL Time Warner is also helping the National Mentoring Partnership to build an online community for mentoring professionals and to relaunch their website at [www.mentoring.org](http://www.mentoring.org).

Year round, AOL Time Warner employees participate in a wide variety of volunteer mentoring programs offered throughout the company, including **Time To Read**, the nation's largest and longest standing corporate-sponsored volunteer mentoring and literacy program, which operates in more than 480 locations nationwide and has benefited more than 200,000 young people.

For more information go to <http://www.timetoread.com/>

## MasterMinds

Starting this January, Time Warner Cable will present "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" 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.

## 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 come 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.

## 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](#)

## 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](#)

## 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.

### Tricia Park, Violinist

A member of and soloist with the Metamorphosen Chamber Orchestra performs for Music at Noon on January 14, 10 days before she returns to Jordan Hall to play with Metamorphosen. Highlights of her 2001-02 season include a recital debut at the Kennedy Center, appearances at the Lincoln Center Festival in Bright Sheng's *The Silver River*, performances with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, and appearances with the Metamorphosen Chamber Orchestra at Jordan Hall. Recent season highlights include performances with the Seattle Symphony under Gerard Schwarz, appearances with the Northwest Chamber Orchestra, her Korean debut performance with the Korean Broadcasting System (KBS) Orchestra and a tour of New Mexico under the auspices of the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival.

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

## 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.

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