

**LEARNING CENTER PROGRAMS SUGGESTED FOR  
HISTORY 35  
THE HISTORY OF AFRICA**

<u>CODE NO.</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
	<b><u>THE AFRICANS (SERIES)</u></b> – 60 min. ea. c1986
<b>V1199.1</b>	<b>THE NATURE OF A CONTINENT:</b> <i>Geography influence on history which explores the roles that water, desert, and equatorial climate have played in developing African culture and civilization.</i>
<b>V1199.2</b>	<b>A LEGACY OF LIFESTYLES:</b> <i>What constitutes “family” in African culture? Matrilineal, patrilineal, and polygamous traditions as well as the impact of modern cities on family ties are examined.</i>
<b>V1199.3</b>	<b>NEW GODS:</b> <i>The roles of Christian missionaries, Western Secularism, Muslim sects, Egyptian pharaohs and native religions are discussed in visits to Senegal, Zaire, and Egypt.</i>
<b>V1199.4</b>	<b>TOOLS OF EXPLOITATION:</b> <i>Colonial, economic legacy, the development of slavery, and European control of Africa’s natural resources, with special attention to the roles of Belgium and Great Britain are examined.</i>
<b>V1199.5</b>	<b>NEW CONFLICTS:</b> <i>Urbanization, warrior traditions, European-created national boundaries, the Islamic jihad tradition, and nationalistic movements are problems of Africa’s post-colonial period.</i>
<b>V1199.6</b>	<b>IN SEARCH OF STABILITY:</b> <i>In a continent where 70+ coups have taken place in the last 25 years, the question of governing effectively is critical. This segment compares African military regimes, one party states, Marxism in Mozambique, and the styles of the presidents of Tanzania, and Zaire.</i>
<b>V1199.7</b>	<b>A GARDEN OF EDEN IN DECAY?</b> <i>More than 70 million Africans suffer from malnutrition while their countries export food to Europe. Economic and agricultural failures and successes are examined in Algeria, Ghana, and Zimbabwe.</i>
<b>V1199.8</b>	<b>A CLASH OF CULTURES:</b> <i>In every area of life – dress, behavior, law, worship and language-Africans have a triple heritage that often sends conflicting signals. The African struggle to evolve new, effective and essentially African ways of doing things is the topic of this episode.</i>

**THE AFRICANS (SERIES) (Continued)**

- V1199.9**      **GLOBAL AFRICA:** *Africa's role in international politics and economics, from UN participation, to cobalt production and the political crisis of South Africa is the focus of this concluding episode.*
- V1029.1-.2**      **AFRICA: A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY WITH BASIL DAVIDSON (SERIES)** – 57 min. ea. program c1984  
**PROGRAM 1. DIFFERENT BUT EQUAL**  
*The origins of Africa's past and her contributions that gave rise to some of the world's greatest early civilizations are explored in this segment.*
- PROGRAM 2. MASTERING A CONTINENT**  
*Looking at three different communities, Basil Davidson examines the way African peoples carve out an existence in an often-hostile environment.*
- V1029.3-.4**      **PROGRAM 3. CARAVANS OF GOLD**  
*The routes of the medieval gold trade, which reached from Africa to India and China in the East, and westward to the city-states of Italy are explored.*
- PROGRAM 4. KINGS AND CITIES**  
*To explore the ways in which the African kingdoms functioned, Davidson visits Kano in Nigeria, where a king still holds court in his 15<sup>th</sup> century palace presiding with his council over ancient rituals which continue to command the respect of the people.*
- V1029.5-.6**      **PROGRAM 5. THE BIBLE AND THE GUN**  
*The slave trade of Africa decimated the population and rent apart the fabric of society. After the slaver traders came new kinds of interlopers: first, the explorers, among them Stanley & Livingstone; then the missionaries. Next came those interested in wealth-gold and diamonds.*
- PROGRAM 6. THIS MAGNIFICENT AFRICAN CAKE**  
*The 1880's saw the beginning of a 30 year scramble for Africa which dramatically changed the face of the continent. All of Africa, except Liberia and Ethiopia became subject to colonial rule, a condition unchanged until the outbreak of WWII.*
- V1029.7-.8**      **PROGRAM 7. THE RISE OF NATIONALISM**  
*The major struggles for African independence in Ghana, Kenya, the Belgian Congo are charted. The final collapse of the white minority in Zimbabwe and a look at South Africa prior to its end of apartheid.*
- PROGRAM 8. THE LEGACY**  
*A look at Africa in the aftermath of colonial rule, as the continent seeks ways to come to terms with its diverse inheritance.*

- V1863**                    **NELSON MANDELA: THE MAN – c1994**  
**V1261**                    **A TOWN MEETING WITH NELSON MANDELA** (*Nightline*)  
                                  *90 min. c1990*
- V1156**                    **REMEMBER MANDELA – 31 min. c1987**
- THE LAST DAYS OF APARTHEID (SERIES)**
- V1922.1**                **THE FIRST FREE ELECTION:** *Chronicles the events following the collapse of the South African economy in the late 1980's when President F.W. DeKlerk ordered the release of Nelson Mandela from prison. Also traces the four-year period that led to South Africa's first multi-racial election and Mandela's stunning victory - 30 min. c1994*
- V1922.2**                **DEFIANCE IN THE TOWNSHIPS:** *Traces the history of race relations in South Africa, from the landing of the Dutch settlers in 1652, to the establishment of the first white Afrikaner governments, to the protests against apartheid led by Nelson Mandela and the ANC- 34 min. c1994*
- V2011**                    **BLACK ATHENA**  
*Reviews evidence that the culture of ancient Greece had its origins in Africa and the East and that the West should recognize what it owes to Black and eastern cultures.- 52 min. c1991*
- V2980**                    **THE LOST CITY OF ZIMBABWE**  
*The spectacular ruins of the Great Zimbabwe are only now being recognized for what they are: southern Africa's first city. This program looks at work being done to restore this archeological site to its African heritage. 22 min. c1993*
- V2981**                    **THE ASHANTI KINGDOM**  
*This program explains the strict hierarchical organization of the Ashanti village, the importance of the kente garment, the naming of children, the religious beliefs, and importance of traditional values and festivals as well as the protocols surrounding the paramount chief of the Ashanti. - 14 min. c1993*
- V2696**                    **DARK PASSAGES** *impact of the Atlantic slave trade – 50 min. c1995*
- V2465.1**                **THREE WORLDS MEET (ORIGINS – 1620)**  
*West Africa and Europe on the eve of contact (United States History) 35 min. c1986*

**WONDERS OF THE AFRICAN WORLD (SERIES)**

*Narrated by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. – 120 min. ea. tape c2000*

- V2998.1**      **BLACK KINGDOMS OF THE NILE:** *Ancient Nubia – an ancient African civilization, which once rivaled Egypt*  
**THE SWAHILI COAST:** *Swahilis' troubled and bloody history*
- V2998.2**      **THE SLAVE KINGDOMS:** *transatlantic slave trade; slave castles and royal courts; Kingdoms of Asante and Dahomey*  
**THE HOLY LAND:** *rock-hewn churches, mountain monasteries, and royal shrines; and Aksum, birthplace of ancient civilization, and home to the Lost Ark of the Covenant.*
- V2998.3**      **THE ROAD TO TIMBUKTU:** *forgotten libraries of Timbuktu, great trading city*  
**LOST CITIES OF THE SOUTH:** *a thousand-year-old African city kept form view for seventy years, medieval stone citadel of Great Zimbabwe*
- V3011.1-2**      **ISLAM: EMPIRE OF FAITH:** *documents the rise and growth of Islam throughout the world, from the birth of Prophet Muhammad in the 6<sup>th</sup> century through the peak of the Ottoman Empire 1000 years later; discusses the impact of Islamic civilization on world history and culture*  
*90 min. ea. tape c2000*
- V2391**      **SHAKA ZULU:** *a true story of tribal Africa during the turbulent 19<sup>th</sup> century; centers around the life of Shaka, a powerful and mighty Zulu leader, as he grows up to fulfill an ancient tribal prophecy, uniting his people into a new nation - 300 min. c1986*
- V3088.1**      **AFRICA (SERIES)** – *120 min. ea. tape c2001*  
**SAVANNA HOMECOMING**  
**DESERT ODYSSEY**
- V3088.2**      **VOICES OF THE FOREST**  
**MOUNTAINS OF FAITH**
- V3088.3**      **LOVE IN THE SAHEL**  
**RESTLESS WATERS**
- V3088.4**      **LEOPARDS OF ZANZIBAR**  
**SOUTHERN TREASURES**
- V3088.5**      **THE MAKING OF AFRICA**
- CD100**      **OTHER PROGRAMS**  
**THE KWANZAA ALBUM** (*Women of the Calabash*) – *approx. 44 min. c1998*