

The Great Classics

Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp - Classic Tales Retold

07573 VH
PI 9 min BFA Educational Media
This animated film captures the drama of this exotic tale and will inspire viewers to read it and other stories from the collection. The lesson is that it is better to be self-reliant and work to earn the things one needs.

Language Arts; Literature; Classics

Alice in Wonderland

10284 VH
PI 1966 Traveloguer Collection
The feature film classic presentation of "Alice in Wonderland" with Alice, the rabbit, the Mad Hatter and the Queen.

Literature; Classics

All Quiet on the Western Front

13541 VH
JS 131 min 1992 Zenger
A devastating story of war and a generation destroyed. In 1914 a group of German schoolboys, idealistic and inflamed with youthful patriotism, set off to fight in the "glorious" war. During their brutal basic training disenchantment begins; then boarding a train for the front, they see the wounded being rushed back to hospitals. They begin to grasp the grim realities of war. When Paul (Richard Thomas) shoots a Frenchman, and watches him die, he realizes the futility of war. Wounded, he comes home to a different world, a place where he cannot fit in. Sent back into battle, he meets destiny on a day when the German High Command Communique states simply, "All Quiet On The Western Front". Also Starring Ernest Borgnine and Donald Pleasance.

SOC.I.1; SOC.I.2; SOC.I.4;
Classics

Bedknobs and Broomsticks

10285 VH
PI 99 min 1968 Disney Productions, Walt
A fantasy trip into the world of witches and spells set during the World War I era. Disney's wonderful music and animation come alive for your viewers.

Fine Arts; Literature; Classics

Big Red

10293 VH
IJS 89 min 1963 Disney Productions, Walt
The wonderful story of one boy and his love for a beautiful Irish Setter. Through challenge and conflict this boy struggles to keep his friend alive and safe, and in the end a whole family wins. Excellent for showing determination toward a goal, strength of spirit.

Guidance; Literature; Classics

Black Stallion - Film Classics

10621 VH
IJ 1985 Zenger
A lyrically photographed story of a young boy's adventures with a great black stallion. Shipwrecked together on a desert island, they gradually form a bond that lasts despite their rescue and return to civilization. This film provides great warmth and shows the bond of love. 118 minutes long.

Fine Arts; Literature; Classics

Brothers Grimm

For descriptions see individual titles:
Rapunzel, Rapunzel [10243]

The Devil and Daniel Webster

12433 VH
99 min 1941 Library Video Co.
When a young new England farmer casually swears that he would sell his soul for a better life, he unwittingly takes on the Devil. Financial success transforms the good-hearted Jabez Stone into a cold-blooded businessman that only the great statesman and lawyer Daniel Webster can save. This is an adaptation of Stephen Vincent Benet's short story.

Literature; Classics

Disney's American Heroes

10295 VH
PIJS 39 min 1972 Disney Productions, Walt
Two American heroes, Paul Bunyan and Pecos Bill, are featured in Disney's wonderful animation.

Fine Arts; History - U.S.; Literature; Classics

Disney's Storybook Classics

10297 VH
PIJ 41 min 1962 Disney Productions, Walt
Four animated Disney stories on one video tape. "Peter and the Wolf", "Chicken Little", "Little TOOT" and "The Ant and The Grasshopper" are featured. The IMC also has Peter and The Wolf" ***Please note*** the IMC has graded "Chicken Little" junior-senior H.S. because of its satire approach. The content may be too intense for young children.

Literature; Classics

Great Gatsby

10349 VH
S 61 min 1979 AIMS Instr. Media Services Inc.
Edited from the feature length production Robert Redford and Mia Farrow star in this evocation of the roaring twenties. Jay Gatsby's attempt to regain a lost love with his wealth is the central theme in the adaptation of Francis Ford Coppola's screenplay.

Literature; Classics

Heart of a Lonely Hunter - Film Classics

10368 VH
S 99 min Zenger
Adapted from Carson McCullers' novel, this film deals with isolation and cruelty in a small southern town. The central figure is singer, a lonely deaf-mute who touches the lives of those around him with his understanding, acceptance, and compassion for human frailty.

Creative Concepts; Fine Arts; Guidance; Classics

Heidi

07898 VH
PI 88 min Traveloguer Collection
Johanna Spyri's novel about the young Swiss girl who wins the love of her hermit grandfather who lives high in the Alps and reconciles him with the villagers who live in the valley. Produced in 1937, it is a film classic.

Fine Arts; Literature; Classics

It's a Wonderful Life- Film Classics

09725 VH
IJS 99 min 1946 Larson Marketing
James Stewart stars as a small town's most civic minded citizen, who feels depressed because he has not done what he wanted to do. In desperation he tries to end it all but is saved by an angel who then shows him how important his life has been.

Fine Arts; Holidays; Classics

Johnny Appleseed

00454 VH
PI 13 min Coronet Instr. Films
One of the warm legendary characters of the westward movement. His travels from Pennsylvania to pioneer villages in the midwest to plant apple seeds and spread goodwill among whites and indians alike. A rich background for study of the early settlers.

History - U.S.; Literature; Classics

Jungle Book - Film Classics

09726 VH
IJS 99 min 1942 Larson Marketing
The famous story of the struggle between man and nature, transferred to the screen with all the magic, excitement, and visual splendor of this films era.

Fine Arts; Literature; Classics

Kidnapped - Film Classics

09835 VH
IJS 94 min Zenger
Robert Louis Stevenson's popular pirate and adventure tale is faithfully recounted in this colorful Disney production.

Fine Arts; Literature; Classics

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Legend of Johnny Appleseed

03843 VH
PI 20 min Disney Productions, Walt
The classic American legend based on the real life character, John Chapman, whose efforts to spread the gospel (and plant apple trees) Set a moral standard for the early west.

Literature; Classics

The Nutcracker

12326 VH
79 min 1977 Music in Motion
By Tchaikovsky, Mikhail Baryshnikov's dancing and choreography make this American Ballet Theatre's production an unforgettable event. 78 mins.

Fine Arts; Literature; Classics

Old Yeller - Film Classics

09836 VH
PIJS 84 min Zenger
Set in Texas in the late 1860's, this simple tale of pioneer life tells the story of Travis, a young boy who must assume responsibility for his family while his father is away on a cattle drive. The family adopts a stray yellow dog who becomes a protector, a friend, and the source of Travis' awakening wisdom about life.

Fine Arts; Literature; Classics

Outsiders - Film Classics

10367 VH
S 91 min Zenger
Based on S.E. Hinton's popular novel, this production captures the blaze of adolescent emotions as rival gangs from the opposite sides of the tracks clash in their small Oklahoma town during the 1960's. The drama sympathetically explores the youthful search for identity and belonging, and articulates the pressures teenagers, face from an adult world beyond their control.

Fine Arts; Guidance; Classics

Paul Bunyan and the Blue Ox

00053 VH
PI 5 min Disney Productions, Walt
Story of Paul Bunyan and Babe, the blue ox, with puppets as central characters. How Paul found Babe and put him to work in the land of tall timber and tall tales.

Literature; Classics

Paul Bunyon - Walt Disney Version

06052 VH
PI 17 min Disney Productions, Walt
The legend of larger-than-life Paul Bunyan, who even as a baby was ten axe handles high. Growing to gigantic proportions, Paul and his partner, Babe, the blue ox, became the greatest logging team in folk history as they cut a wide swath through the woods from Maine to the west.

Literature; Classics

Prince and the Pauper - Full Version

08180 VH
JS 28 min Disney Productions, Walt
Mark Twain's satirical story of a young Prince and The Pauper who switch roles will delight young people with its mistaken identities, mad chases, court intrigue, and medieval merriment. A full feature from Disney.

Literature; Classics

Rapunzel

05804 VH
P 11 min BFA Educational Media
Timeless in its appeal, this is the Grimm's story of Rapunzel of the golden tresses, imprisoned in a tower by a wicked old witch. One day Rapunzel's prison is discovered by a handsome young prince, who dares to climb the tower to visit the lovely maiden. They are discovered by the wicked witch who banishes them both to a faraway land.

Literature; Classics

Rapunzel, Rapunzel

10243 VH
IJS 16 min 1985 Davenport Films
Brothers Grimm Series - Rapunzel, Rapunzel, set around the turn of the century, is about a young girl's struggle with independence. When a witch catches a man stealing Rapunzel's plants from her garden to help his wife, the witch forces him to promise her the child he and his wife are about to have. When the child reaches the age of twelve, the witch imprisons her alone in a high tower. She uses the girl's long hair to climb up and visit every day. But a young man learns to use the same means in order to visit Rapunzel at night. Discovering this, the witch cuts off Rapunzel's hair, banishes her, and uses the hair to trick the boy. He is blinded and wanders for many years until he is reunited with Rapunzel and her tears enable him to see again.

Literature; Classics

Reluctant Dragon

00831 VH
PI 21 min 1979 Coronet Instr. Films
Based on a classic children's tale, this animated story is about a medieval dragon who would rather write rhymes than do battle.

Language Arts; Literature; Classics

Robert Frost's Death of a Hired Man

09194 VH
JS 22 min Encyclopedia Britannica Ed. Corp.
One of Frost's best known and loved poems is dramatized on the screen. As the film translates, word for word, the rhythm and texture of this poem into visual and dramatic form, viewers will renew their appreciation of the language, tone, pacing, and theme of Frost's masterpiece, or rewardingly discover it for the first time.

Literature; Classics

Romeo and Juliet - Full Version

07443 VH
JSCTA 99 min 1977 AIMS Instr. Media Services Inc.
Franco Zeffirelli's production of this play of Shakespeare's brings it into contemporary focus and makes it a work of dramatic art. The conflict of love and hate are heightened while the role of providence is minimized. The film recaptures Renaissance Verona and epitomizes the Universal nature of the conflict in the play. Olivia Hussey and Leonard Whiting are Juliet and Romeo.

Literature; Classics

Romeo and Juliet-Part 1

08090 VH
SCTAP 56 min Time Life Prod.
This is part 1 of Shakespeare's most famous love story presented first on public television by the British Broadcasting Company. This is a 3-part video set each about 55 minutes in length. (If you wish to see all three parts..you will need to order videos #08091 and 08092 as well). I don't have a broadcast date, but looks like it was done in the 80's.

Literature; ENG.I.5 Literature - General, Adventure Stories, American Lit.; Theatre; Classics

Secret Life of Walter Mitty - Film Classics

10369 VH
IJS 99 min 1947 Zenger
A mild-mannered proofreader (Danny Kaye) Livens up his existence by imagining himself in all sorts of exciting occupations and situations- such as gunslinger, Mississippi riverboat gambler, sea captain, and surgeon-in this adaptation of a James Thurber short story. The 1947 production combines music and comedy to illustrate the power and indispensability of an active imagination in the ordinary person's life.

Fine Arts; Classics

Seven Ravens

07650 VH
PI 21 min Coronet Instr. Films
A Grimm Fairy Tale about a seven-year-old girl's quest to find and rescue her seven brothers, who have been changed into ravens by a vengeful witch.

Literature; Classics

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Sounder - Film Classics

09832 VH

IJS 99 min Zenger

When the father of a black sharecropper family in depression-era Louisiana is arrested for stealing food, his dog, Sounder, tries unsuccessfully to protect him and he is sent to prison. David Lee, his oldest son, must try to take his father's place. After the family undergoes many difficulties, Sounder ends his silent vigil and announces the father's return. Now David Lee can attend school and seek a better life. Discussion topics might include social injustice, racism, education as political tool, and the resilience of the black family. 105 minutes long.

Fine Arts; History - U.S.; Sociology; Classics

Storybook I

This series of 12 timeless classics encourages students to read and have a greater appreciation for literature.

ENG.I.10; ENG.I.4 Language; ENG.I.8 - Genre and Craft of Language; Language Arts

Goldilocks and The Three Bears

13720 VH

PI 7:38 min 2000 Michigan Instructional Television

Three bears come home from a bicycle trip through the woods to find a little girl "all nice and fast asleep" in Baby Bear's bed. Book by James Marshall - Caldecott Honor Book

ENG.I.1 Meaning and Comprehension 1; ENG.I.10; ENG.I.8 - Genre and Craft of Language; Language Arts; Literature; Classics

Storybook II

These timeless classics (many are Caldecott winners) encourage students to read and have a greater appreciation for literature.

ENG.I.2 Meaning and Comprehension 2; ENG.I.4 Language; ENG.I.5 Literature - General, Adventure Stories, American Lit.; ENG.I.8 - Genre and Craft of Language; Language Arts

Rapunzel

13745 VH

PI 15 min 2000 Michigan Instructional Television

A unique retelling of the classic story of Rapunzel, the girl with the long, golden hair. Book by Paul O. Zelinsky - Caldecott Medal Book.

ENG.I.1 Meaning and Comprehension 1; ENG.I.10; ENG.I.5 Literature - General, Adventure Stories, American Lit.; ENG.I.6 Voice; ENG.I.8 - Genre and Craft of Language; Language Arts; Classics

Truly American

For descriptions see individual titles:
Truly American - Walt Disney [10688]

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10688 VH

IJ 20 min 1978 ITEC (M Star)

Truly American Series - America's great storyteller, Walt Disney, has created a fantasy world for children of all ages. His contribution to the American story will live for generations. This can lead to discussions on animation; the moral value of storytelling; the importance to the good moral story; comparison with stories written today.

Biography; Fine Arts; History - U.S.; Classics

Tugboat Mickey

09676 VH

PIJS Disney Productions, Walt

Tugboat Captain Mickey hears what he thinks is a distress signal from a sinking ship on the radio and orders his two-man crew to the rescue. Their energetic ineptitude leads from one hilarious mishap to another.

Fine Arts; Language Arts; Classics

Ugly Duckling

02175 VH

PI 10 min Coronet Instr. Films

All the familiar characters of this classic story are here from the barnyard birds who first called the duckling "ugly," to the beautiful swans the duckling feels strangely drawn to. The duckling's many ordeals are followed by his exultation when he realizes he has become a swan.

Literature; Classics

Ugly Duckling - the Movie

07222 VH

P 15 min 1976 Weston Wood Studio

Graceful, delicate images by Svend Otto and a sensitive musical score evoke the sadness and ultimate joy of the beautiful swan who grew up believing himself to be an ugly duckling.

Literature; Classics

Where the Red Fern Grows - Film Classics

10444 VH

IJS 99 min 1954 Zenger

The true story of Billy Coleman, an Oklahoma Ozark boy determined to train a pair of coon hounds despite poverty danger, risk, and tragedy. With the support of his family, Billy raises old Dan and little Ann, winning the coon hunting championship. After the dogs die, he finds the symbol of love and devotion, a red fern, growing between their graves. Among the topics raised are depression-era rural life, coming of age, and the importance of determination, love, and loyalty.

Fine Arts; Guidance; Literature; Classics