

# Biographies

## **Christopher Columbus - 2nd Edition**

11502034 19 Minutes 4-8  
VHS 1991 Churchill Films

A dramatic portrayal of Columbus as a mapmaker and adventurer. The film follows his attempts to get support first from the ruler of Portugal and then from Spain's Ferdinand and Isabella. We trace his voyage across the uncharted Atlantic to landfall in the new world, and back to Spain.

## **Einstein**

99515058 25 minutes 7-12  
VHS 1996 Educational Clearinghouse

Explore the life and mind of the genius who guided mankind into the Atomic Age, and then spent the rest of his life speaking out for peace. Einstein was the century's most revolutionary thinker.

## **Famous African Americans**

99515067 20 minutes 7-12  
VHS 1990 Educational Clearinghouse

Learn of the men and women who helped end slavery, promoted civil rights, fought for their country, and rebuilt the south.

## **Great Americans: Benjamin Franklin**

11501359 15 Minutes 4-8  
VHS 1980 Encyclopedia Britannica

As an old man, Franklin tells his own fascinating life story; his careers as a printer's apprentice, author, and inventor; his ambassadorship to France; his involvement in the creation of the Declaration of Independence; and his participation in the Constitutional Convention in 1787.

## **Great Americans: Martin Luther King, Jr. - 2nd Edition**

11501363 24 Minutes 7-12  
VHS 1982 Encyclopedia Britannica

In this powerful and emotion-filled film, three of Dr. King's closest friends, plus his widow, Coretta, voice their assessments of his leadership in the civil rights movement. Using documentary footage and photographs, the film traces Dr. King's nonviolent actions as he commits his life to his cause. Reveals the indelible impact he had on America civil rights and on the world.

## **Mahatma Gandhi - Soul Force**

11501552 24 Minutes 9-12  
VHS 1980 Learning Corporation

Ghandi, through a persistent pursuit of truth and perfection, teaches the world that united people cannot be suppressed.

## **Mandela**

99515060 50 minutes 7-12  
VHS 1999 Educational Clearinghouse

After spending nearly three decades as a political prisoner, Nelson Mandela was elected the first democratically chosen President of South Africa in 1994.

## **Marquette and Jolliet**

11501563 14 Minutes 4-8  
VHS 1978 Coronet Film & Video

Authentic, even to the original spelling of Jolliet's name, this film document recreates the events of an unparalleled journey as recorded in Marquette's journal.

## **Mighty Times - The Legacy of Rosa Parks**

11501462 40 minutes 6-12  
VHS 2002 Teaching Tolerance

This innovative and authoritative history of Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott infuses the familiar story of the boycott with first person accounts, stirring dramatizations and narration by young people.

## **One Survivor Remembers**

11501464 40 minutes 8-12  
VHS 2005 Teaching Tolerance

Tells the unforgettable story of Gerda Weissmann Klein's six-year ordeal as a victim of Nazi cruelty. Klein describes her years in Nazi labor camps and months on a forced death march. Though her experience was horrifying, Klein also remembers wonderful acts of decency and normalcy — testaments to the greatness of humanity. This teaching kit sheds light on the 20th century's terrible history of devastation and prejudice, yet offers hope that hatred can be overcome.

## **Saddam Hussein - Defying the World**

11502041 33 Minutes 4-12  
VHS 1990 Landmark Films

The video begins with the invasion of Kuwait, then looks at the President of Iraq himself - a man who has assumed omnipotence in his country through purging any opposition cultivating the cult of personality and building on the power of his army. The war against Iran saw the first manifestation of his ambitions.

## **Shakespeare's Heritage**

11501692 29 Minutes 9-12  
VHS 1983 Encyclopedia Britannica

Look at historical and environmental elements that may have influenced the early development of William Shakespeare. Visit Shakespeare's home at Stratford-upon-Avon; explore the Shakespeare Center, where much original Shakespearean is on display.

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## **Winston Churchill**

99515057 25 minutes 7-12  
VHS 2000 Educational Clearinghouse  
As Prime Minister of Great Britain, he provided strong, moral leadership during the dark days of World War II.

## Presidents

### **Abraham Lincoln - America's Story - 2nd Edition**

11502144 12 Minutes 1-6  
VHS 1989 Coronet Film & Video  
Why is Abraham Lincoln so important in our history? All-American puppet U.S. Eagle helps young viewers find out as he travels back into the past.

### **America's Heroes: Abraham Lincoln**

11501708 11 Minutes K-6  
VHS 1989 Coronet Film & Video  
We think of Abraham Lincoln every time we see his face on a penny. Other reminders are in names of streets, stores, businesses, schools, parks, towns, and cities. We visit the historic sites in New Salem and Springfield, IL and Washington D.C., to learn about one of America's heroes.

### **Great Americans: Abraham Lincoln**

11501355 23 Minutes 4-8  
VHS 1982 Encyclopedia Britannica  
With historical photographs supplementing on-location footage, life of Abraham Lincoln unfolds in this poignant story of his rise from humble farm boy to 16th president of the United States. Stresses the historical facts concerning the life and times of Lincoln, and the historic courage and moral character of a man who strove to eliminate slavery in the United States.

### **Lincoln**

99515064 27 minutes 7-12  
VHS 2000 Educational Clearinghouse  
Humble beginnings and a lifetime of hard work proved worthy for "Honest Abe." From a log cabin to the White House, Lincoln was a master of words. Writing the Gettysburg Address, signing the Emancipation Proclamation, and freeing the slaves attest to the greatness of this leader.

## **Great Americans: Andrew Jackson**

11501358 22 Minutes 4-8  
VHS 1982 Encyclopedia Britannica  
Dramatic interaction between Andrew Jackson and a common-sensical folklife character, the Common Man, provides viewers with an interesting perspective of life and achievements of Andrew Jackson, the seventh President of the United States. Scope of the Common Man's comments and questions enable Jackson to exhibit a full range of his personal qualities and beliefs and to relive his more colorful military stories and outstanding clashes with men of power.

### **America's Heroes: George Washington**

11501709 11 Minutes K-6  
VHS 1989 Coronet Film & Video  
All around us we see reminders of our nation's first president, in the names of cities and streets, parks and schools; in paintings and statues; on postage stamps and money. We visit our nation's capital, Mount Vernon, Williamsburg and Valley Forge, to learn about one of America's greatest heroes.

### **George Washington - America's Story - 2nd Edition**

11502140 12 Minutes 1-6  
VHS 1989 Coronet Film & Video  
Who was first in war and first in peace? Friendly puppet U.S. Eagle tells viewers in this lively overview. George Washington was born in 1732 in Virginia, one of the first original Colonies. Forty-four years later the Colonies would declare their independence from England and choose Washington to lead their army in the American Revolution. When the war was over, Washington played an instrumental part in writing a new governmental plan, the Constitution.

### **Great Americans: George Washington**

11501360 15 Minutes 4-8  
VHS 1980 Encyclopedia Britannica  
As Washington sits for a portrait being painted by the Scottish artist, Archibald Robertson, our first President recalls the important events in his historic career; his service in the British Army and the Revolutionary Army, his farming at Mount Vernon, and his terms as President.

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## **Theodore Roosevelt**

99515062 25 minutes 7-12  
VHS 2000 Educational Clearinghouse  
Theodore Roosevelt was the 26th President of the United States. Known for his use of the Presidency as a "bully pulpit," he was able to break up big business monopolies. Roosevelt's love for nature made him a strong advocate for conservation.

## **Theodore Roosevelt - Cowboy in the White House**

11501983 29 Minutes 7-12  
VHS 1978 Coronet Film & Video  
An inspirational dramatized profile of Theodore Roosevelt, who recounts stories of his past with his grandchildren.

## **JFK**

99515065 30 minutes 7-12  
VHS 2000 Educational Clearinghouse  
John Fitzgerald Kennedy was the 35th President of the United States. A World War II hero with political aspirations, he became President. He rallied for civil rights and inspired a nation to land a man on the moon.

## **John F. Kennedy - A Personal Story**

11502417 100 Minutes 7-12  
VHS 1996 Library Video  
An A&E Biography examines the pivotal moments in the life and presidency of John F. Kennedy and the rich dynasty he left behind. He will always be remembered as the youthful president who inspired America, a charismatic leader who gave the nation a sense of pride and confidence.

## **Lyndon B. Johnson - Triumph and Tragedy**

11502428 50 Minutes 7-12  
VHS 1996 Library Video  
A&E Biography explores the life and political career of the thirty-sixth president of the United States.

## **Nixon**

99515061 25 minutes 7-12  
VHS 2000 Educational Clearinghouse  
Richard Nixon's administration ended the Vietnam War and opened relations with communist China. However, his many accomplishments in office were overshadowed by a scandal known as Watergate.

## **Richard Nixon - Man and President**

11502422 100 Minutes 7-12  
VHS 1996 Library Video  
A & E presents this biography of Richard Nixon. President Nixon's long life was a rollercoaster ride of breathtaking highs and devastating lows. This program follows him from his birthplace on a modest ranch in Yorba Linda, California, to his two terms as Vice President, his time in the White House and the spectacle of Watergate. Includes rare scrapbook photos and interviews.

## **Jimmy Carter - To the White House and Beyond**

11502427 50 Minutes 7-12  
VHS 1995 Library Video  
A&E presents this biography of James Earl Carter. In 1976, Carter rode a tide of anti-government sentiment into the White House. There, he set out to change the way Americans think about politicians, but four years later Americans voted President Carter out of office. This program catches up with Carter, who is again leading America by brokering peace deals around the world.

## **Reagan**

99515063 30 minutes 7-12  
VHS 2000 Educational Clearinghouse  
The life of Ronald Reagan epitomizes the "American Dream." Before he was ever elected President he had a career as a film actor in Hollywood. Reagan successfully made the transition to politics by being elected Governor of California. Known as the "Great Communicator," he had two terms as President.

## **Speeches of Ronald Reagan**

11502429 69 Minutes 7-12  
VHS 1995 Library Video  
Follow the life of Ronald Wilson Reagan and witness the superb rhetorical ease that earned him his nickname "the great communicator." See how he emerged as a sportscaster, movie star, President of the screen actors' guild, rancher, author, governor of California and finally the fortieth President of the United States.

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### **Bill Clinton - In the Running**

11502423 50 Minutes 7-12  
VHS 1996 Library Video

A&E presents this biography of Bill Clinton. The first democrat since FDR to be elected to a second term, the man from Hope, Arkansas has seen his share of successes - and problems. This program examines his meeting with President. Kennedy, his election as the youngest governor in Arkansas history and the controversies over his actions during the Vietnam draft and his use of marijuana.

### **George Bush - A Sense of Duty**

11502420 50 Minutes 7-12  
VHS 1996 Library Video

A&E presents this biography of George Bush. By capitalizing on two of his greatest assets, his sense of loyalty and his strong work ethic, Bush assumed the presidency. As told in his own words and those of his friends, family and associates, this program recounts the life of the 39th President, from his work in the oil business to his career in Congress, the CIA and the White House.

## Inventors

### **American Discovery: Stories of Invention and Ingenuity Vol. 1**

11502479 30 Minutes 3-8  
VHS 1995 Sunburst

Celebrates 16 inventors of such useful inventions as denim, popcorn, the dishwasher and the computer. It opens with the children's view of inventions and their own ideas for making life better.

### **American Discovery: Stories of Invention and Ingenuity Vol. 2**

11502480 30 Minutes 3-8  
VHS 1997 Sunburst

Celebrates 16 inventors who saw and filled a need for inventions that would make transportation and communication easier; public health and safety; and recreational activities. The historical context of each invention is illustrated, along with the exciting and sometimes frustrating process that gave birth to the invention.

### **American Inventors - The Fabulous Story of How Inventors Changed the Way We Live!**

11501138 45 Minutes 4-12  
VHS 1990 Eagle Forum Educ

Through economic freedom as well as personal freedom, Americans have created inventions that have forged a prosperity for American citizens and a country that is a leader in technology and industry throughout the world. The Constitution, provides inventors protection and incentives for their inventions through patents. Includes inventions in agriculture, communication, transportation, home life, industry/energy, military and health.

### **Edison**

99515059 20 minutes 7-12  
VHS 1999 Educational Clearinghouse

A true rags-to-riches story about the greatest inventor of all time. Thomas Edison's life of hard-working determination helps create the modern world in which we live.

### **Inventors - Out of their Minds**

11502356 50 Minutes 4-6  
VHS 1996 Teacher's Video

This delightful program gives you a rare look at some of the greatest inventors in modern history. Meet the unchallenged father of invention, Thomas Edison - a brilliant man whose 1000 useful inventions remain his most enduring legacy. Meet the eccentric Hoel Bowditch and his magnificent everyday creations, see musician Stevie Wonder and Raymond Kurzweil collaborate on a synthesizer that believably recreates the sounds of musical instruments, and watch Paul Moller's personal aircraft takes its first test flight.

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