



New Resources for Primary and Intermediate Grades May 2010

D3056 Paper Clips. DVD, PIJS, 82 min, Hart Sharp Video, 2003

In order to better understand the enormous human toll of the Holocaust, the students of Whitwell Middle School in rural Tennessee set out to collect 11 million paper clips--one for every human victim. Because most students in the heavily Christian area had never met anyone Jewish, the project was a way for them to open their eyes to the diversity beyond their doorstep, as well as the dangers of prejudice and ignorance.

B818 Riding Freedom. Audiobook, PI, 150 min, Audio Book Shelf, 1998

A fictionalized biography of the first woman to vote in the state of California, and perhaps in the whole United States. Charlotte Parkhurst, known as Charley, spent most of her life masquerading as a man. Raised in an orphanage where she is the only girl, she is prevented from being adopted by the staff, who put her to work in the kitchen. Her own predilection is to be with the horses and the elderly man who cares for them. Her knack with horses soon enables the disguised Charley to pursue her dream of driving a stagecoach. Many trials arise, including the loss of sight in her left eye, but throughout, Charlotte remembers her friends, works hard and persistently, and fulfills her ambitions, culminating in her voting in a presidential election.

D3051 All About the Military/All About the Space Shuttle. DVD, P, 72 min, GT MEDIA, 1995

Children will take a behind-the-scenes look at the military and space shuttles with Hard Hat Harry in this live-action program. In the first episode, viewers will meet some Marines and learn about military vehicles that transport, protect and perform specialized jobs. Children will march over land and sea in the Amphibious Assault Vehicle, see the many uses of the M998 Humvee and haul broken-down tanks in the LVS Draggin' Wagon. Then, in *All About the Space Shuttle*, children will explore the universe like a real astronaut and learn the history of space travel. Viewers will blast off on a mission to repair and tow a satellite back to Earth while learning how and why the shuttle and space suits were built.

D3052 The List. DVD, IJ, 14 min, Closer Look Films, 2009

A bullied girl comes up with a creative and nonviolent way to put an end to her problem in this educational short film. She creates a list of names of other bullied classmates who are afraid to speak up because they fear retaliation. When the list is discovered, it is assumed by the school principal and the police that it is a "revenge" list. Instead it is a party list for other students who have been bullied as well.

D3050 Why Don't Americans Vote? DVD, IJS, 17 min, Knowledge Unlimited, 2000

In the 2004 presidential election, only 55% of eligible voters in the U.S. went to the polls to vote. This documentary examines the problem of voter apathy in America and looks for answers and remedies to the problem. Viewers will explore why, in contrast with many other democracies, the United States has seen a steady decline in voter turnout, as well as reasons for this lack of interest in politics. Featuring commentary from real students on the subject, the program highlights ways in which Americans can participate in their government and looks at what has brought voters to the polls in recent elections. Includes teachers guide.