

HISTORY'S ANCIENT LEGACIES

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History's Ancient Legacies combines spectacular new location footage with colourful, illustrative 3D animation sequences, and authoritative comment and analysis to provide a perfect introduction to the world's great lost treasures of ancient civilizations. Reconstructions provide an atmospheric taste of everyday life in ancient times and a team of leading authorities supply simple and concise analysis.

Series of 6 programs (25:00 minutes each) on 3 DVD's
DVD update: 2001

Social Studies, History, Grades 6 - Post Secondary
Also available in VHS format



DVD 1 • Pompeii • Stonehenge

Pompeii

Pompeii was buried beneath a mountain of wet ash when Mt. Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD. Much of Pompeii, its people, its art and structures are preserved because of the seal this ash created. Using superb 3D graphics and computer animation, this video takes the viewer back to the city as it was, and uses the latest views of the ruins to offer a history lesson, unique in every way.

Stonehenge

This is an incredible monument dating from around 2,800 BC. Using the very latest in advanced computer animation, this video lets the student step back in time to see the origin of the stones and the monument in its original form. Leading authors explain the latest theories and known facts about one of the great treasures of the ancient world.

DVD 2 • The Aztecs and the Mayans • Ancient Rome

The Aztecs and the Mayans

Although the Aztec capital was razed, many descriptions of Aztec life exist. Famed for their incredible architectural achievements, the Aztec legacy lives on in modern Mexico City. The peaceful, nomadic Mayan people bequeathed to us some of the world's great temples including Chichen-Itza and Copan.

Ancient Rome

A complete history of ancient Rome, using the latest in computer animation, authentic filmed recreations, period imagery and location footage. Learn how Caesar Augustus "Found it a city of brick and left it a city of marble." See how power seized by the good was corrupted by those who inherited it. View the structures, still standing today, where gladiators fought, Christians died and law was developed. Recognize the many contributions of ancient Rome, as the foundation of our Western Civilization.

DVD 3 • Hadrian's Wall • The Great Pyramids

Hadrian's Wall

The Roman Emperor Hadrian ordered the construction of a wall which would mark the northern boundary of the mighty Roman Empire. Built during the Roman occupation of Britain, the wall was a last outpost. It meant the end of civilization, and a separation from the barbarians.

The Great Pyramids

The burial sites of the mighty Pharaohs of Egypt are still one of the most awe-inspiring sights in the world today. This video gives us a look at the Egyptian culture, which rose up around the Nile. It took so many, so long to build them that a whole associated industry evolved from construction of the Pyramids

HISTORY'S ANCIENT LEGACIES II

Created to give viewers an authentic, atmospheric step back in time to visit the lost cities and temples of the ancient world,



these six historical recreations expand on the highly successful launch of the first six programs. The new programs introduce the viewers to Carthage, The Seven Wonders of the World, The Biblical Lands and the Roman Empire in Northern Europe, the Middle East and North Africa.

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(50:00 minutes each); DVD update: 2002



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DVD 1 • Carthage • The Biblical Lands

Carthage

This program includes a spectacular 3D animated recreation of the great ancient city that stood near modern day Tunis - the first time it has been seen for more than 2000 years.

The Biblical Lands

The story of the sacred city where Christ spent his final days on Earth. Featuring Richard Andrews, author of *Blood on the Mountain*. Includes superb graphic recreations of the Arc of the Covenant and the Temple on the Mount.

DVD 2 • The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World • The Roman Empire in North Africa

The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World

Witness the Seven wonders of the Ancient World as they were in their glorious heyday. Superb animation brings the hanging Gardens of Babylon, the colossus of Rhodes and the Temple of Artemis to new life.

The Roman Empire in North Africa

The genius of the Roman Empire in the desert sands of North Africa, featuring Bulla Regia Chimtou, the Colossus and El Gem and the amazing underground city at Dougga.

DVD 3 •The Roman Empire in Northern Europe •The Roman Empire in the Middle East

The Roman Empire in Northern Europe

The story of the incredible villas, forts, roads and temples which stand today as a powerful reminder of the all-conquering Roman legions which marched through Northern Europe.

The Roman Empire in the Middle East

A remarkable glimpse of the architectural achievements of the Empire of Rome, which still grace the burning sands of the countries of the Middle East.

HISTORY'S ANCIENT LEGACIES III



Created to give viewers an authentic, atmospheric step back in time to visit the ancient world, these six historical recreations expand on the first two series. The new programs will give viewers a contemporary understanding of the fascinating lands of India, Japan, and China as well as introduce them to the Aztec and

Celtic cultures and guide them through the England of Medieval times.

Series of 6 programs (25:00 minutes each) on 3 DVD's
DVD update: 2002

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DVD 1 •Japan •India

Japan

The story of Japan is like that of no other nation on Earth. For two thousand years, the Japanese people have lived an often-isolated life of striking contrasts. The military aspects of Japanese history are familiar to many, and this fascinating program reveals the achievement of the famous Samurai warriors with their noble Code of Bushido. But Japan is also a land of beauty and peace. Its pagodas, temples and other great monuments are the constructions of a people steeped in the ways of Buddhism. Rituals, such as the tea ceremony also reveal a civilization deeply concerned with balance, order and calm. By examining all sides of the Japanese story, the identity of a unique society is revealed.

India

For over four thousand years, the lands of India have been home to a remarkable human civilization. This fascinating program journeys through the centuries to reveal the continuing story of the Indian people. Beginning with a graphic reconstruction of an Indus Valley city of the Second Millennium BC, the Indian experience includes fabulous dynasties of kings, timeless belief systems and (Golden Ages) of culture. India's greatest buildings especially reflect the character of a unique people, culminating in the glory of the Taj Mahal, the greatest monument to human love ever constructed, and one of the

most spectacular constructions anywhere on Earth.

DVD 2 •Dark Age England •China

Dark Age England

The nation of England can trace its beginnings to the second half of the First Millennium AD. This was the Dark Age, a period of tribal invasions and conflicts when civilization itself seemed to retreat. For many, the terrifying pagan Vikings symbolizes a bleak period of history. But there are shafts of light that illuminate the English Dark Age, as this fascinating program reveals. It was a time of legendary Kings like Arthur, Alfred, and Offa, the builder of the famous dyke. The amazing discovery of the Burial Ship at Sutton Hoo proved that skilled craftsmanship did not die out. The survival of Christianity led to the production of the dazzling Lindisfarne Gospels, and the events of the age are also recorded in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, the first great work of English prose.

China

Human beings have constructed many remarkable monuments, but only one man-made structure can be seen from the surface of the moon. The Great Wall of China remains the greatest creation of a remarkable Asian people, but it is not the only one, as this fascinating program reveals. Beginning with a graphic reconstruction of a Chinese village from seven thousand years ago, the story of the Chinese people is described right up to modern times. The terracotta army of the first Chinese Emperor and Beijing's Forbidden City are just two fabulous treasures created by an ancient nation that continues to flourish today.

DVD 3 •The Celts •Empires of America

The Celts

In the First Millennium BC, the tribes known as the Celts were the dominant force on the continent of Europe. In fringe regions like Ireland, the Celtic people continued to flourish long into the Christian Age. These were warriors with a unique way of life, as this fascinating program reveals. Dark religious rituals and a love of bloody fighting were a vital part of their life, and Classical writers condemned what they saw as a barbarian lifestyle. But we now know that Celtic culture was rich and sophisticated. Buried Celtic treasures have revealed their achievement in crafts, such as jewelry, while the great legends of Irish literature confirm that epic story-telling was also part of the life of a still-mysterious ancient people.

Empires of America

The American civilizations of the Aztecs and Incas had many features in common. Both flourished before the arrival of the Europeans, worshiped the sun, built great cities, possessed huge amounts of gold and other treasures, and both were wiped out by Spanish conquistadors in the 16th century. This fascinating program reveals the full story of two long-lost nations with expert analysis of their culture, technology and beliefs. The amazing Inca communication system and advanced Aztec farming techniques are just two revelations of a highly sophisticated way of life. Great lost cities like Tenochtitlan and Macchu Piccu also provide dramatic evidence of two nations ultimately doomed to a violent destruction.