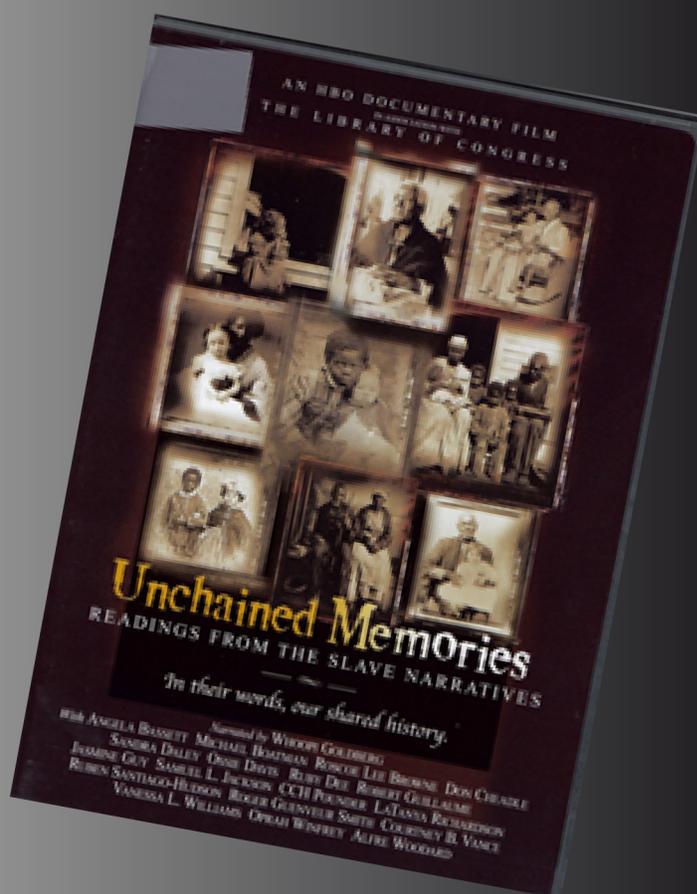
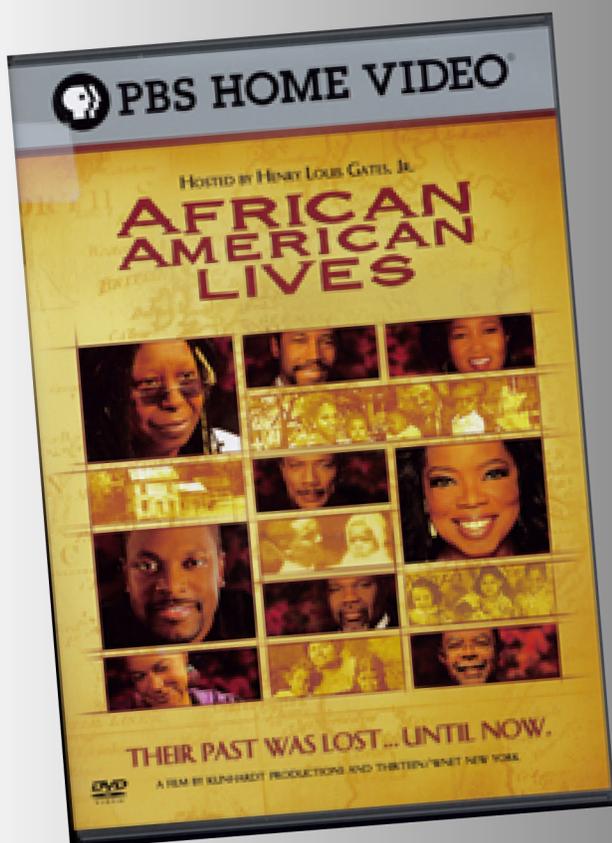


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Ida B. Wells: A PASSION FOR JUSTICE

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Black History Month

320 - African American Lives - PBS - 2006

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Eminent Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uses revolutionary breakthroughs in genealogical research and DNA analysis to give eight prominent African Americans on once-unimaginable journeys into their past - tracing their family sagas down through U.S. history and even back to Africa. On this epic adventure, Gates is joined by neurosurgeon Ben Carson, actress Whoopi Goldberg, Bishop T.D. Jakes, astronaut Mae Jemison, musician/producer Quincy Jones, sociologist Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot, comedian/actor Chris Tucker and TV pioneer/philanthropist Oprah Winfrey. (Encoding: region 1; 240 minutes)

519 - Africans in America - PBS - 2006

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Did you know only half of the over 20 million Africans kidnapped into slavery survived the torturous trip to the New World? That slaves were promised freedom to fight for Britain in the Revolutionary War? That many Europeans came to America as bonded labor? That a country founded on freedom justified the enslavement of human beings? Africans in America is a groundbreaking four-part series that makes history by sharing it from a new perspective. (Encoding: region 1; 2 discs; approx. 6 hours)

260 - America Beyond the Color Line - PBS - 2003

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. embarks on a journey across America to measure the progress of Africa's children in the New World. As Dr. Gates' travels reveal, a new century presents new challenges. While individual black Americans enjoy unprecedented achievement and opportunity in nearly every arena, daunting obstacles to blacks as a group still remain. (Encoding: region 1;

117 - Amistad - Dreamworks - 1997

Soundtrack : ENGLISH, FRENCH

Subtitle : ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH

Starring : Anthony Hopkins, David Paymer, Djimoun Hounsou, Matthew McConaughey, Morgan Freeman, Nigel Hawthorne

African slaves who escape their chains and kill the crew of a slave ship are tried in America for murder, while the ship's owners, the salvagers and the Spanish Queen claim them as their property. (Encoding: region 1 and 2; 152 minutes)

467 - Barack Obama - Biography - AETV - 2007

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Barack Obama, the fifth African American Senator in U.S. history is rapidly becoming a leading political figure. Obama has spent most of his life either running for or serving in public office. Biography travels from Obama's childhood in Honolulu and Indonesia, to his formative years at Columbia University and Harvard Law School, all the way to his current status as a leading political figure. This documentary presents the riveting story of a truly successful political leader who has overcome a troubled adolescence and the challenge of being one of the most notable multiracial politicians of his time in the United States. (Encoding: region 1; 47 mins.)

466 - Boycott - 2001

Soundtrack : ENGLISH, SPANISH

Subtitle : ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH

Starring : Herman Daniel Farrell III, Timothy J. Sexton

One woman refuses to give up her seat in a "whites only" section of a public bus. The bus stops. The city stops. The world stops. December 1, 1955, Montgomery, Alabama. A time when resentment gives birth to rebellion; when a gesture has the power to bring about change. This single act by Rosa Parks inspires an uprising that will make history, and make a leader of

321 - Chisholm' 72 - Unbought & Unbossed - 20th Century Fox - 2004

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Subtitle : SPANISH

Nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at Sundance, this powerful documentary follows the career of Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman ever to run for President of the United States. A teacher in Harlem, Chisholm's passion for progress brought her to local politics, then a seat in Congress, and ultimately, a run for the presidency in 1972. With archival footage and contemporary interviews, including pieces on Walter Cronkite, former congressman Ron Dellums, George Wallace and Chisholm herself, this provocative film about a woman who demonstrated "the sheer will and refusal to accept the status quo" will inspire and amaze you, regardless of your political views. (Encoding: region 1; 77 minutes)

202 - Citizen King - PBS - 2004

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

In April 1963, a 34-year-old minister wrote a letter from behind bars in the Birmingham jail to his fellow clergyman. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," argued Dr. Martin Luther King. "Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." The campaign to end segregation in Birmingham marked a crucial turning point in Dr. King's life, as he embarked on a controversial, often lonely struggle to redefine and redirect the movement he had helped lead. The quest would not end until his untimely death five years later. Tapping into a rich archive of photographs and film footage and using diaries, letters, and eyewitness accounts of fellow activists, friends, journalists, political leaders and law enforcement officials, this film brings fresh insights to King's impossible journey, his charismatic leadership and his truly remarkable impact. (Encoding: region 1; 120 minutes; Color, Black & White)

025 - Cry Freedom (Le Cri de la Liberté) - Universal - 1987

Soundtrack : ENGLISH, FRENCH

Subtitle : ENGLISH, FRENCH

Starring : Denzel Washington, Kevin Kline

South African journalist Donald Woods is forced to flee the country after attempting to investigate the death in custody of his friend the black activist Steve Biko. (Encoding: region 2; 158 minutes)

390 - Daughters of the Dust - Kino on Video - 1999

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Starring : Adisa Anderson, Barbara-O, Cheryl Lynn Bruce, Cora Lee Day, Tommy Hicks

With great lyricism, "Daughters of the Dust" tells the story of a large African-American family as they prepare to move North at the dawn of the 20th Century. Using this simple tale, the film brings to life the changing values, conflicts and struggles that confront every family as they leave their homeland for the promise of a new and better future. In addition to this emotionally charged epic drama, it explores the unique culture of the Gullah people, descendants of slaves who lived in relative isolation of the Sea Islands off the Georgia coast. As the generations struggle with the decision to leave, their rich Gullah heritage and African roots rise to the surface. (Encoding: region 1; 113 mins.)

362 - Days That Changed The World: The Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. & The Liberation of Nelson Mandela (Ces Jours qui ont changé le monde) - BBC - 2006

Soundtrack : ENGLISH, FRENCH

1. The Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.: In April 1968, Martin Luther King went to Memphis, Tennessee to support the struggle of the city's African-American union workers who were on strike. James Earle Ray, recently escaped from a Missouri prison, was also there at the time. On Thursday, April 4th, armed with a rifle, he ambushed and assassinated Martin Luther King. While Ray fled to Great Britain with the help of a fake passport, a wave of riots erupted in more than sixty cities across the U.S. To this day, Martin Luther King remains a model for the defense of racial equality in American society. 2) The Liberation of Nelson Mandela: On February 11th, 1990, the leader of the African National Conference, Nelson Mandela, was freed by South African president Frederick de Klerk after twenty-seven years of incarceration. Sentenced to life in prison in 1964 for his fight against apartheid, he was finally able to leave the Paarl penitentiary. He was welcomed to Johannesburg by a jubilant crowd to whom he gave an historic speech. In 1994 he became the president of the Republic of South Africa, one year before receiving, with de Klerk, the Nobel Peace Prize for their actions in favor of democracy. (Encoding: region 2; 50 minutes)

026 - Do the Right Thing - Universal - 1989

Soundtrack : ENGLISH, FRENCH

Subtitle : ENGLISH, FRENCH, ITALIAN, PORTUGUESE, SPANISH

Starring : Danny Aiello, Ossie Davis, Richard Edson, Ruby Dee, Spike Lee

A white pizza parlour owner in a black neighbourhood sparks off a riot. (Encoding: region 2; 120 minutes)

387 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: I Have a Dream - CNN - 2006

Soundtrack : FRENCH

Documentary on Dr. King's life and his fight for the Civil Rights. (Encoding: region 2; 52 mins.)

537 - Eyes on the Prize - PBS - 1986

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Eyes on the Prize is an award-winning 14-hour documentary series on the civil rights movement that brilliantly illuminates the struggle for racial equality and social justice. The series uses compelling human stories to engage viewers in the landmark events of 1954 to 1985. Henry Hampton, the creator and executive producer of the series, is recognized as one of the world's most acclaimed documentary filmmakers. Using words and perspectives from people who were determined to make our nation live up to its promise of equality, Eyes on the Prize teaches essential lessons about race, leadership, and justice for all. Includes: Volume 1: Awakenings 1954-1956 / Fighting Back 1957-1962; Volume 2: Ain't Scared of Your Jails 1960-1961 / No Easy Walk 1961-1963; Volume 3: Mississippi: Is This America? 1962-1964 / Bridge to Freedom 1965; Volume 4: The Time Has Come 1964-1966 / Two Societies 1965-1968; Volume 5: Power! 1966-1968 / The Promised Land 1967-1968; Volume 6: Ain't Gonna Shuffle No More 1964-1972 / A Nation of Law? 1968-1971; Volume 7: The Keys to the Kingdom 1974-1980 / Back to the Movement 1979-1985. (Encoding: Region 1; approx. 14 hours)

403 - Finding Oprah's Roots - Finding Your Own - PBS - 2007

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

When Alex Haley published his bestselling novel "Roots" in the mid-1970s it raised the hopes of many African Americans that one day they too could trace their own roots back to Africa. Today, dramatic developments in genealogical research techniques and breakthroughs in DNA analysis are making that dream a reality. In this fascinating and entertaining film, eminent Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. guides viewers through the process of creating their own family histories, based on the experience of discovering his own ancestors and those of the TV pioneer, educator and philanthropist, Oprah Winfrey. Richly illustrated with clips from the popular PBS documentary "Oprah's Roots: An African American Lives Special," together with previously unseen footage from the original "African American Lives" series, this film is an indispensable tool for anyone interested in knowing more about their own past and the past of African American people. (Encoding: region 1; NTSC; 103 mins.)

559 - Frederick Douglass - A & E Television Networks - 1994

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

As a young man, he experienced the brutality of slavery firsthand. As an outspoken leader of the abolitionist movement, he became one of the most powerful voices in American history. (PAL; Color and B & W; 50 mins.)

535 - Glory - Tri Star - 2007

Soundtrack : ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH

Subtitle : ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH

Starring : Cary Elwes, Denzel Washington, Matthew Broderick, Morgan Freeman

The heart-stopping story of the first black regiment to fight for the North in the Civil War, Glory stars Matthew Broderick, Denzel Washington, Cary Elwes and Morgan Freeman. Broderick and Elwes are the idealistic young Bostonians who lead the regiment; Freeman is the inspirational sergeant who unites the troops; and Denzel Washington, in an Oscar -- winning performance, is the runaway slave who embodies the indomitable spirit of the 54th Regiment of Massachusetts. (Encoding: region 1; approx. 124 min.)

432 - Hollywood Shuffle - Metro Goldwyn Meyer - 1987

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Subtitle : FRENCH, SPANISH

Starring : Craigus R. Johnson, Robert Townsend, Starletta Dupois

An actor limited to stereotypical roles because of his ethnicity, dreams of making it big as a highly respected performer. As he makes his rounds, the film takes a satiric look at African American actors in Hollywood. (Encoding: region 1; 81 mins.)

352 - Home of the Brave - PBS - 2003

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Viola Liuzzo, a 39-year-old mother of five, was the only white woman killed during the civil rights movement. Paolo di Florio's powerful and poignant documentary rescues from obscurity Liuzzo's tragic untold story. Dramatic archival footage recaptures this turbulent era and compelling interviews with her children paint a vivid portrait of a shattered family determined to uncover the truth about their mother's murder, and the government's campaign to smear her name. (Encoding: region 1; 74 minutes)

243 - In Remembrance of Martin - Idanha Films - 1986

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Personal comments from family members, closest friends, former classmates and advisors are chronicled in this remarkable documentary honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. To memorialize the life and work of Dr. King, Coretta Scott King is joined by distinguished public figures including Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Julian Bond, former President Jimmy Carter, Bill Cosby, Dick Gregory, Jesse Jackson, Senator Edward Kennedy, John Lewis, Bishop Desmond Tutu and Andrew Young. Together they remember highlights in Dr. King's career. Dramatic archival footage traces King's leadership in the civil rights movement, including the early Montgomery Bus Boycott movement resulting from Rosa Park's refusal to give up her seat to a white man. The film shows how King was fingerprinted, booked and jailed for the first time and how marchers suffered mob violence in the 1963 Birmingham Campaign. The powerful and moving historical moment when he delivered the "I Have a Dream" address on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963 is documented in this program. Also included is King's acceptance of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964; the violence that marked the March 7th Bloody Sunday in 1965; King's speeches against the Vietnam war; and the gunshots during the Chicago Campaign of 1966, which foreshadowed his assassination in Memphis, Tennessee. A brief synopsis of key civil rights decisions of the 1950s and the 1960s is also included in this moving tribute to Dr. King. (Encoding: region 1; 60 minutes)

323 - Jack Baxter's Brother Minister - The Assassination of Malcolm X El-Hajj Malik Shabazz - PBS - 2005

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Brother Minister is the explosive and mesmerizing documentary that dares reveal the mystery surrounding the assassination of Malcolm X, a truly American hero. It probes the innocence of two of the convicted assassins, reveals the true identities of the killers, examines the FBI and NYPD clandestine roles in the assassination through recently de-classified documents, and discovers the secret origin of the Nation of Islam and its political and religious legacy in America. (Encoding: region 1; 115 minutes)

027 - Jungle Fever - Universal - 1991

Soundtrack : ENGLISH, FRENCH

Subtitle : ENGLISH, FRENCH, ITALIAN, PORTUGUESE, SPANISH

Starring : Annabella Sciorra, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Samuel L. Jackson, Spike Lee, Wesley Snipes

A black architect leaves his wife and child to live with his Italian-American secretary. (Encoding: region 2; 132 minutes)

481 - Killer of Sheep & My Brother's Wedding - New Yorker Video - 2007

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

"Killer of Sheep" is a Charles Burnett Collection. A 2-disc special edition also including the feature "My Brother's Wedding," 3 short films and the new short on "Hurricane Katrina," "Quiet as Kept." The first disc contains "Killer of Sheep" (1977), one masterpiece of African American filmmaking and one of the finest debuts in cinema history, "Killer of Sheep" was chosen for the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress and named one of the 100 Essential Films by the National Society of Film Critics. In the Los Angeles community of Watts, Stan, a sensitive dreamer, is growing detached and numb from the toll of working at a slaughterhouse. Frustrated by money problems, he finds solace in moments of simple beauty. Combining lyrical moments with neorealist style, Burnett unfolds his story with compassion and humor. (B & W; 81 mins.). Disc 2 contains the original 1983 version of "My Brother's Wedding": Pierce Mundy works at his parents' South Central dry cleaners with no prospects for the future and his childhood buddies in prison or dead. With his best friend just getting out of jail and his brother busy planning a wedding to a snooty upper-middle-class black woman, Pierce navigates his conflicting obligations while trying to figure out what he really wants in life. (Encoding: region 1; 94 minutes)

546 - Let Freedom Sing - How Music Inspired the Civil Rights Movement - Time Life - 2009

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

They raised their voices in song against inequality and racism. They gave the civil rights movement its anthems and its soul. They were the singers and songwriters who fought for change and gave us songs like Blowin' in the Wind, Oh Freedom, People Get Ready, A Change is Gonna Come, Get Up Stand Up and We Shall Overcome. Those songs and many others are at the core

209 - Little Senegal - Paramount - 2003

Soundtrack : ENGLISH, FRENCH

Subtitle : ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH

Starring : Karim Traore, Sharon Hope, Sotigiui Kouyate

After many years as a tourist guide in the Slave museum in Senegal, Alloune, 65, a widower living alone, decides to go to America, in search of his ancestors, taken away from his village 200 years ago and sold as slaves in the New World. From Charleston to Little Senegal, in New York, he searches for his ancestors but also for an ideal vision of an African family, only to discover a strong ostracism between the African and African American communities, embodied by his nephew Hassan, a cab driver and his girlfriend Biram, an African with modern views on love and marriage; and Ida, an older woman, faced with seeing her pregnant grand-daughter destroyed by hard life on the street. In sure strokes, and with virtually no flourish, the film reminds that the shared past of blacks in Africa and America is a powerful, if often unrecognised bond. (Encoding: region 2; 98 minutes)

008 - Malcolm X (Malcolm X) - Largo International - 1992

Soundtrack : ENGLISH, FRENCH

Subtitle : FRENCH

Starring : Al Freeman, Angela Bassett, Denzel Washington, Spike Lee

Biopic of the turbulent life and violent death of the black revolutionary leader. (Encoding: regions 1 and 2; 201 minutes)

126 - Men of Honor - Twentieth Century Fox - 2000

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Subtitle : ENGLISH

Starring : Aunjanue Ellis, Charlize Theron, Cuba Gooding, Jr., Hal Holbrook, Robert de Niro

In the 1950s, Carl Brashear overcomes racial prejudice to be the U.S. navy's first black deep-sea driver. (Encoding: region 2; 124 minutes)

480 - Milestones of the Civil Rights Movement - U.S. Allegiance Inc. - 2005

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

A rare and compelling archival footage featuring: 1948 - Executive Order 9981; 1954 - Brown v. Board of Education; 1955 - Montgomery Bus Boycott; 1957 - Little Rock Nine ; 1960 - Lunch Counter Sit-Ins; 1961 - Freedom Riders; 1963 - March on Washington; 1964 - Civil Rights Act; 1965 - Selma March; 1965 - Voting Rights Act. (Encoding: region 1; 38 minutes)

372 - Mississippi Burning (Mississippi en Enfer) - MGM - 1988

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Subtitle : ENGLISH, FRENCH

Starring : Brad Dourif, Frances McDormand, Gene Hackman, Willem Dafoe

In Mississippi in the mid-1960s, FBI agents investigate the murder of three civil rights workers. (Encoding: region 2; 127 minutes)

468 - Obama 08 - CBS - 2008

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Presidential candidate Barack Obama tells Steve Kroft he can beat the Republican candidate in November, no matter how tough the opponent. After all, he says, he's withstood "the Clinton Machine." Obama says his campaign has gotten American voters "organized and excited, not just about me, but about the process, and about getting involved in politics." (Encoding: region 1; 60 mins.)

379 - Once Upon a Time ... When We Were Colored - Republic Pictures - 1998

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Starring : Al Freeman, Jr., Leon, Paula Kelly, Phylicia Rashad, Polly Bergen, Salli Richardson

Experience in America that remains only in the hearts and minds of those who were brought up in this small southern community. Lost in the sweat of the cotton fields and hidden in the juke joints of muddy water blues, the people of Glen Allan nurtured and protected each other while celebrating life to the fullest. Based on the critically acclaimed book by Clifton L. Taulbert, "Once Upon a Time ... When We Were Colored" chronicles the author's coming-of-age in the segregated South in a time when the Ku Klux Klan terrorized the streets and "White Only" were among the first words learned by African American children. Clifton was encouraged by the love and kinship of the tighty knit community to overcome the bigotry and intolerance of the South, allowing him to embark on an extraordinary journey. (Encoding: region 1)

521 - Prince among Slaves - PBS - 2008

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

In 1788, the slave ship Africa set sail from the Gambia River, its hold laden with a profitable but highly perishable cargo -- hundreds of men, women and children bound in chains -- headed for American shores. Eight months later, a handful of survivors found themselves for sale in Natchez, Mississippi. One of them, a 26-years-old named Abdul Rahman, made an astonishing claim: that he was a prince of an African kingdom larger and more developed than the newly formed United States. "Prince Among Slaves" is the remarkable true story of an African prince, who endured the humiliation of slavery without ever losing his dignity or hope for freedom. (Encoding: region 1; approx. 60 min.)

381 - Roots (Racines) - Warner - 1977

Soundtrack : ENGLISH, FRENCH

Subtitle : ENGLISH, FRENCH

Starring : Harry Rhodes, Ji-Tu Cumbuka, Maya Angelou, Moses Gunn, Thalmus Rasulala

A saga of African-American life, based on Alex Haley's family history. Kunta Kinte is abducted from his African village, sold into slavery, and taken to America. He makes several escape attempts until he is finally caught and maimed. He marries Bell, his plantation's cook, and they have a daughter, Kizzy, who is eventually sold away from them. Kizzy has a son by her new master, and the boy grows up to become Chicken George, a legendary cock fighter who leads his family to freedom. Throughout the series, the family observes notable events in U.S. history, such as the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, slave uprisings, and emancipation. (Encoding: region 2; 3 discs; 564 minutes)

371 - Sarafina - Buena Vista - 1992

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Starring : Dumisani Dlamini, John Kani, Leleti Khumalo, Miriam Makeba, Whoopi Goldberg

A South African schoolgirl in Soweto realizes she has to fight for freedom, following the example of her history teacher and her mother - and learning from her own experiences when she is imprisoned and tortured. (Encoding: region 1; 98 mins.)

502 - Senator Obama Goes to Africa - First Run Features - 2007

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Part personal odyssey and part chronicle of diplomacy in action, this timely film follows Barack Obama as he travels to Africa, the land of his ancestry. In South Africa, Obama visits the infamous prison where Nelson Mandela was jailed for 21 years. At a Darfur refugee camp in Chad, we see, through Obama's eyes, the devastating effects of genocide. The heart of the film is an emotional homecoming to Kisumu, Kenya - land of his father - where thousands turn out to greet him. (Encoding: region 1; approx. 60 minutes)

284 - Slavery and the Making of America - 1. The Downward Spiral - PBS - 2005

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Subtitle : ENGLISH, SPANISH

Covering the period from 1619 through 1739, this first volume spotlights the origins of slavery in America. Focusing on Dutch New Amsterdam (later New York City), this chapter illustrates how slavery in its early years was a loosely defined labor source similar to indentured servitude. Africans and others of mixed race and/or mixed ethnicity had some legal rights. The enslaved could take their masters to court and they could even earn wages as they undertook the backbreaking labor involved in building a new nation - clearing land, constructing roads, unloading ships. This first hour culminates with the bloody Stono rebellion in South Carolina, which led to the passage of "black codes," regulating virtually every aspect of slaves' lives. (Narrated by Morgan Freeman; Encoding: region 1; approx. 60 mins.)

285 - Slavery and the Making of America - 2. Liberty in the Air - PBS - 2005

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Subtitle : ENGLISH, SPANISH

Spanning from the 1740s through the 1830s, this second hour explores the continued expansion of slavery in the colonies, the evolution of a distinct African American culture and the roots of the emancipation movement. This volume reveals the many ways the enslaved resisted their oppression including their role on both sides of the Revolutionary War. Also examined is the strength and inspiration many slaves found in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution despite the inherent contradictions between what those documents expressed and what this country actually practiced. (Narrated by Morgan Freeman; Encoding: region 1; approx. 60 mins.)

286 - Slavery and the Making of America - 3. Seeds of Destruction - PBS - 2005

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Subtitle : ENGLISH, SPANISH

The third hour looks at the period from 1800 through the start of the Civil War when slavery saw an enormous expansion and entered its final decades. As the nation expanded west, the question of slavery became the overriding political issue. These years saw an increasingly militant abolitionist movement and a widening rift between the North - which had largely outlawed slavery but still reaped the vast economic benefits of the system - and the South, now home to millions of enslaved black men, women and children. By 1860, every attempt at striking an agreement had failed including the Missouri Compromise and the draconian Fugitive Slave Law of 1850 effectively splitting the Union apart. (Narrated by Morgan Freeman; Encoding: region 1; approx. 60 mins.)

287 - Slavery and the Making of America - 4. The Challenge of Freedom - PBS - 2005

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Subtitle : ENGLISH, SPANISH

The final volume of this series takes viewers through the Civil War, the Reconstruction and beyond as it follows the life of Robert Smalls. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing all slaves under the control of the Confederate government. Once the South was defeated in 1865 the nation adopted the 13th Amendment effectively ending slavery. With the 14th and 15th Amendments, all African Americans were declared U.S. citizens and all African American male were awarded the right to vote. With Smalls as the framework, this final installment examines the rise of the Ku Klux Klan and militant white opposition to black rights. We also look at the end of the Reconstruction and the new form of legalized oppression that replaced it. (Narrated by Morgan Freeman; Encoding: region 1; approx. 60 mins.)

505 - Street Fight - Genius Entertainment - 2005

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Street Fight, the Oscar - nominated documentary, is a riveting story about the underbelly of American democracy. When Cory Booker, a 32-year-old Yale Law grad, takes on the four-term mayor of Newark, NJ, he gets an education in the politics of the streets. The city's political machine unleashes a campaign of harassment and voter intimidation, and the race unfolds amid accusations of terrorism, a Watergate-style burglary, and sexual scandal. When the election becomes racially charged - a surprising twist for a battle between two African-American candidates-voters are forced to ask what it means to be "really black" in America today. (2006 Academy Award Nominee for Best Documentary Feature) (Encoding: region 1; 81 minutes)

143 - The Color Purple (La Couleur Pourpre) - Warner - 1985

Soundtrack : ENGLISH, FRENCH, ITALIAN

Subtitle : ARABIC, ENGLISH, FRENCH, PORTUGUESE, SPANISH

Starring : Danny Glover, Margaret Avery, Oprah Winfrey, Whoopi Goldberg, Willard Pugh

The growth of a Southern black family during the first half of the Century. (Encoding: region 2; 152 minutes)

458 - The Door of No Return - A Quest for Identity on the Path of Slavery (La Porte du Non Retour) -

Mediathèque des 3 Mondes - 2007

Soundtrack : FRENCH

This film addresses the question of how societies and individuals construct identities in light of a dramatic history: the black slave trade. The consciences and taboos that developed from this period serve as the foundation for today's difficult relations between all African communities, Guadeloupe, and metropolitan France. The film follows a group of students from Guadeloupe's agriculture school that embark on a voyage tracing the path and major locals of slavery through Guadeloupe and ending in Benin. Discovering African culture, meeting African historians, traveling the slave roads and discussions between the students all take part and evolve into essential questions of recognition of others in the larger picture of discovering and accepting history. The purpose of this film is to show how a cultural walk can restore one of histories burning questions that can never be replaced within the symbolic and historical context. (Encoding: region 2; 58 mins.)

385 - The March - Produced by USIA - 1963

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

The March on Washington, on August 31, 1963, involved hundreds of thousands of civil rights marchers who gathered on the Mall near the Lincoln Memorial. (Encoding: region 1; Pal; Black and White; 32 minutes)

549 - The Tuskegee Airmen - HBO - 1995

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Starring : Allen Payne, Courtney B. Vance, Laurence Fishburne, Malcolm-Jamal Warner

The true story of how a group of African American pilots overcame racist opposition to become one of the finest US fighter groups in World War II. (Encoding: Region 1; 114 mins.; PAL and NTSC available)

348 - Unchained Memories: Readings from the Slave Narratives - HBO - 2003

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

Subtitle : SPANISH

When the Civil War ended in 1865, more than 4 million slaves were set free. By the late 1930s, 100,000 former slaves were still alive. In the midst of the Great Depression, the Federal Writers Project hired journalists and writers to travel the country and record the memories of this last generation of African-Americans born into bondage. Over 2,000 interviews were transcribed as spoken, in the vernacular of the time, to form a unique historical record - first hand accounts of what it was to be a slave. The Library of Congress is home to most of these "Slave Narratives." Narrated by Whoopi Goldberg and featuring dramatic readings by Angela Bassett, Don Cheadle, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Samuel L. Jackson, Oprah Winfrey and others. "Unchained Memories: Readings from the Slave Narratives" breathes the voices of the living into these transcripts of the past, bringing to life the pain and suffering, the fear and yearning, the pride, the spirit and the deep resonating sadness of those who had been born into slavery. (Encoding: region 1; 75 minutes)

246 - Unforgivable Blackness - The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson - Paramount - 2004

Soundtrack : ENGLISH

It tells the story of the first African-American boxer to win the most coveted title in all of sports and his struggle, in and out of the ring, to live his life as a free man. This riveting two-part documentary follows Jack Johnson's remarkable journey from his humble beginnings in Galveston, Texas, as the son of former slaves, to his entry into the brutal world of professional boxing, where, in turn-of-the-century Jim Crow America, the heavyweight champion was an exclusively "white title." Despite the odds, Johnson was able to batter his way up through the professional ranks, and in 1908 he became the first African-American to earn the title Heavyweight Champion of the World. Johnson's victory set in motion a worldwide search for a Great White Hope to restore the title to the white race. Determined to live his life regardless of the confines imposed by his color, Jack Johnson emerges a a central figure in America's ongoing struggle to deal with the question of race. (Encoding: region 1; 220 minutes)

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