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KEY: *Primary **Intermediate ***Jr./Sr. High ****Sr. High

CAREER & TECH ED

- Choosing tomorrow: volumes 1 & 2. (2004, C.W. Productions, [Dixon, Ill], DVD)****

Volume 1 follows five recent high school graduates during the summer break after high school as they prepare for college and work life amid various challenges and crises (30 min.). Volume 2 looks at the career decisions made by five young people four years after graduating from high school and how their lives have been affected by those decisions. (48 min.)

- Communicating with tact, candor, and credibility. (2008, Learning Seed, Lake Zurich, Ill. DVD)****

From package: "The way people communicate in the workplace makes or breaks their careers ... Workers can master a strong conversational style that is honest, considerate and credible...see humorous, realistic situations and learn memorable, practical ways to communicate with tact, candor and credibility on the job..." (19 min.)

- Make a good first impression. (2003, Jist Works Inc, Indianapolis, Ind, DVD)****

From jist.com: "...there are lots of traits that tend to create positive impressions during interviews, ones that are within control of the job seeker. Make a Good First Impression uses a humorous, clever story line to convey both the traits and ways to make improvements." (29 min.)

- Manners at work. (2006, Learning Seed, Lake Zurich, Ill., DVD)****

From package: "Knowledge of etiquette is a basic business skill. Viewers will learn how to make and acknowledge introductions, the hidden message of the handshake, cubicle courtesy, and electronic etiquette." (20 min.)

- Success at work: volumes 1 & 2. (2004, C.W. Productions, [Dixon, Ill], DVD)****

These videos feature five young adults and their efforts to make a small start-up business work. The video deals with some difficult circumstances, featuring some of the particular relational tensions that persons in the business world are likely to encounter. (30 and 36 min.)

GUIDANCE / HEALTH & SAFETY

- See "Career & Tech Ed." items.

- Social networking sites: play it safe in cyberspace (2007, Independent School District 279, Osseo Area Schools, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, DVD [3])****

Social networking sites like MySpace, FaceBook, and others have gained widespread popularity over recent years. This video, which features students from ISD 279, explores some of the risks of participating on social networking sites and offers practical steps you can take to protect yourself and your friends if you use social networking sites. Be safe, be skeptical, and be smart! (11 min.)

LANGUAGE ARTS

- Maud Hart Lovelace Book Award student bookshares 2007-2008 (2007, Minnesota History Center, VHS [2]).***

The book reviewers are students at Oltman Junior High School in Cottage Grove, MN (School District 833). They summarize the books nominated for the 2007-2008 Maud Hart Lovelace Book Award, in Division I and Division II. (23 min.)

SCIENCE

- “Earth science for children” series (2000, Schlessinger Media ; Library Video Company, Wynnewood, Pa, DVD [3])**

From package: “‘Earth Science for Children’ takes young viewers on an introductory tour of the third planet from the sun, exploring its many formations and processes, such as the water cycle and the creation of natural resources. Video field trips to geologic locations help students gain additional insight, while a hands-on experiment or demonstration further illustrates key concepts. This series correlates to the ‘National Science Education Standards’ for Grades K-4 for Earth & Space Science.” (23 min. each)

All the programs in this series are available (3 copies of each):

- All about earthquakes
- All about earth's history
- All about fossils
- All about land formations
- All about natural resources
- All about rocks & minerals
- All about soil
- All about the water cycle
- All about volcanoes
- All about weathering & erosion.

- “Evolution” series (2001, WGBH Educational Foundation ; Clear Blue Sky Productions, Inc., Boston, Mass, DVD [3])***

From package: "A journey of where we're from and where we're going". From PBS.org: "Travel the globe to chart evolutionary science and its effect on society and culture, from Charles Darwin's genius to the role of mass extinctions in the survival of species and the power of sex to drive evolutionary change. 'Evolution' also explores emergence of consciousness, human success, and conflicts between science and religion in understanding human life." (120 min. each)

All the programs in this series are available (3 copies of each):

- Darwin's dangerous idea
- Great transformations
- Extinction!
- The evolutionary arms race
- Why sex?
- The mind's big bang
- What about God?

- Evolution: learning and teaching evolution (2001, WGBH Educational Foundation and Clear Blue Sky Productions, Inc., Boston, Mass, VHS)***

From PBS.org: "'Learning and Teaching Evolution' features seven five-minute segments for students that combine engaging storytelling with scientific inquiry to explore the fundamental concepts of biological evolution. Four 15-minute segments for educators highlight the teaching of evolution in real classrooms around the country" (120 min. each)

- Galapagos (1999, IMAX corporation Smithsonian Institution, Toronto, Canada, DVD)***

From package: "...The mission: collect rare and unusual species for study at the Smithsonian and elsewhere - all part of a real-life exploration that will discover what is believed to be more than a dozen new species of marine life. ...follows marine biologist Dr. Carole Baldwin as she makes here initial venture into that world first chronicled for science 160 years earlier by Charles Darwin..." (39 min. each)

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Media that matters film festival: sixth annual (2006, Arts Engine, Inc, [s.l.], DVD)****

From package: "'Media That Matters' brings you sixteen shorts on big issues. Produced by independent youth filmmakers from around the country, these films make you think, make you laugh and motivate you to take action." (116 min. each)

-Includes the title "A Girl Like Me": Color is more than skin deep for young African-American women struggling to define themselves.
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- "The war: a Ken Burns film" series (2007, PBS Home video, Hollywood, Calif., DVD)***

From package: "'The war, a seven-part documentary series directed and produced by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, explores the history and horror of the Second World War from an American perspective by following the fortunes of so-called ordinary men and women who become caught up in one of the greatest cataclysms in human history.'" (each episode between 115-145 min.)

All the programs in this series are available:

- Episode one: A necessary war (December 1941 - December 1942)
- Episodes two & three: When things get tough (January 1943 - December 1943)
A deadly calling (November 1943 - June 1944)
- Episode four: Pride of our nation (June 1944 - August 1944)
- Episode five: FUBAR (September 1944 - December 1944)
- Episode six: The ghost front (December 1944 - March 1945)
- Episode seven: A world without war (March 1945 - December 1945)

- "The way we live" series (2005, Intelcom Intelligent Telecommunications, Pasadena, Calif., DVD)***

From package: "'The Way We Live' combines expert interviews and commentary with historic and contemporary footage to provide a comprehensive introduction to the growing field of Sociology. Documentary features in each video, called 'Slice of Life,' focus on real people and issues to illuminate key sociological concepts and themes..." (27 min. each)

The following programs in this series are available:

- Connections: the sociological perspective
- Truth be told: the sociological perspective
- Common ground: culture
- Fitting in: socialization