WWII TO THE PRESENT FILM CURRICULUM OUTLINE

The lesson plans and materials provided in the WWII to the Present Film Curriculum provide materials for educators utilizing six films produced by V-NEP specifically for educators, grades 7-12. Included in this curriculum, each film has an accompanying:

- Film outline
- Five lesson plans
- Worksheets
- Assessment rubrics
- Quiz

The lessons have been written to include national teaching standards from the areas of United States history, government and civics, and economics. This curriculum also integrates six social science disciplines and history through a multiple subject approach while addressing educational domains, Essential Elements of Instruction, Progressive and Traditional teaching strategies, and traditional and alternative assessments. The procedures in the lesson plan give the history educator suggestions on how to mix both traditional (content-centered) and progressive (student-centered) teaching methodologies.

Throughout the lesson plans, you will find integrated cognitive, skill and affective objectives. Because we believe students should take an active part in learning history, critical thinking skills are emphasized throughout the lesson plan series.

The film lesson plans are typically used in the American history classroom, but also have applications to sociology, gender studies, race studies, geography, economics, and political science classrooms as well.

There are numerous ways to incorporate this curriculum into your classroom. The materials have been created to use as one unit or as stand-alone lessons. Educators can easily pick and choose which activities are most appropriate for their classroom.

THE FILMS

- **FILM 1**: “Women in the Military: Willing...Able...Essential”
- **FILM 2**: “On Freedom’s Wings: The Legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen”
- **FILM 3**: “Their Sacrifice, Our Freedom: WWII in Europe”
- **FILM 4**: “Their Sacrifice, Our Freedom: WWII in the Pacific”
- **FILM 5**: “In the Company of Heroes: The Legendary Band of Brothers”
- **FILM 6**: “The American Humanitarian Effort: Out-takes from Vietnam”


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FILM 1: WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: WILLING, ABLE, ESSENTIAL
SUMMARY: Since America’s founding days, women have been stepping forward to serve this country. From uncommon soldiers who disguised themselves to fight and nurses that faced horrific wounds to those who proudly wear the uniform today, women have always contributed to our military might. This is their story. It's a tale of war and peace...a quest for status and recognition...a patriotic journey to protect the freedoms we all cherish.

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FILM 2: ON FREEDOM’S WINGS: BOUND FOR GLORY
The Legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen
SUMMARY: The Tuskegee Airmen displayed amazing courage and dignity in the face of many obstacles. During World War II, the Tuskegee Airmen escorted and protected B-17 and B-24 aircraft on 200 bombing missions. Thanks to the heroic efforts and flying skills of the Tuskegee Airmen, not a single bomber was lost to enemy aircraft during those missions. No other WWII fighter group’s performance matched this record.

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FILM 3: THEIR SACRIFICE, OUR FREEDOM: WORLD WAR II IN EUROPE
SUMMARY: World War II in Europe claimed millions of lives and changed the landscape of the continent in the early 1940s. The war years also brought many changes to this country and altered the course of human history forever. In this documentary, the focus is on soldiers who served so valiantly on the battlefields of Europe. Listen to their stories and learn about the hardships they endured, the friendships they cherished, and the sacrifices they made.

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FILM 4: THEIR SACRIFICE, OUR FREEDOM: WWII IN THE PACIFIC
SUMMARY: During World War II, American servicemen faced a formidable enemy in the Pacific. The Japanese were well armed and experienced fighters. In this program, you’ll meet U.S. soldiers aboard ships who kept their big guns trained on the sky to defend against deadly Kamikaze suicide pilots, as well as those soldiers who went hand-to-hand in the jungles and atolls of the Pacific. Nearly 52,000 servicemen lost their lives in this bloody theater… all in the name of freedom.

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FILM 5: IN THE COMPANY OF HEROES—101ST AIRBORNE SCREAMING EAGLES
The Legendary Band of Brothers
SUMMARY: This is the story of Easy Company. They came together as young men, green and untested, at an Army base in North Carolina. It was 1942 and the beginning of WWII. The men of Easy Company were part of a new type of soldier. They were paratroopers, trained to parachute behind enemy lines and open roads for the Allied Army. You will witness the tough training at Toccoa, the terror of parachute jumping on D-Day, the heroism at Carentan and Market Garden, the bloody winter at Bastogne, and the exultant capture of Hitler’s Eagles’ Nest. Through it all, these combat-hardened soldiers fought side-by-side; first as comrades-in-arms, then friends and finally as brothers.

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FILM 6: THE AMERICAN HUMANITARIAN EFFORT: OUT-TAKES FROM VIETNAM
SUMMARY: For Americans, the Vietnam War brings to mind clashing memories of a controversial and complicated conflict. For the first time in American history, broad efforts to help local civilians were carried out as the war was being fought. This is the story of how our military troops helped Vietnamese children and villagers, provided medical treatment, airlifted orphans and helped refugees.

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