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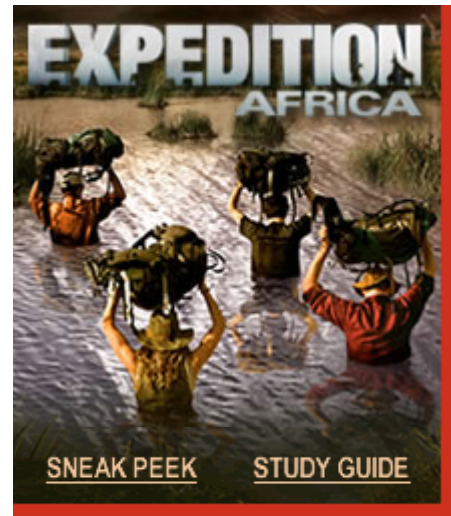
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## HISTORY CLASSROOM

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### **Series Premiere! *Expedition Africa: Stanley and Livingstone*** Sunday, May 31st at 10pm/9c

The ***Expedition Africa: Stanley and Livingstone*** series retraces the 1871 journey of Henry Morton Stanley through the African interior in search of the famed Scottish explorer David Livingstone. Working as a reporter for the New York Herald, Stanley hoped to prove himself as a journalist and discover what happened to the mysteriously missing Livingstone. Almost like a rock star in his day, Livingstone had forged several daring expeditions through Africa before attempting his historic quest to find the source of the Nile River in 1866. Eyewitnesses had reported seeing Livingstone in Zanzibar, the island from which he would launch his expedition into modern-day Tanzania. After unloading at a port town called Mikindany, Livingstone vanished, at least in the eyes of the Western world. As rumors of his death swirled, Stanley was determined to track him down, and make his mark on the world in the process.

Extremely weak from illness, Livingstone was indeed alive when he was greeted by Stanley in a small village called Ujiji on the shore of Lake Tanganyika. ***Expedition Africa*** retraces Stanley's dogged search to find Livingstone, a journey that took more than nine months and covered over 970 miles. In this eight part series, four modern-day explorers are challenged to leave behind their 21st-century technology and use only simple maps and a compass to retrace Stanley's path to Ujiji in a mere 30 days. Navigator Pasquale Scaturro, wildlife expert Mireya Mayor, survivalist Benedict Allen, and journalist Kevin Sites meet in Zanzibar, make quick plans for their voyage, and then set sail for the city

of Bagamoyo on the mainland of Africa. ***Expedition Africa*** offers a picturesque, gripping, and suspenseful account of what happened when these four adventurers retraced the perilous trail of the explorers who had gone before.

**Curriculum Links:**

***Expedition Africa: Stanley and Livingstone*** would be useful for History, Global Studies, Geography, Social Studies, and World Cultures courses. This series provides educators, parents, and students with a great opportunity to learn more about the African continent and the history of exploration in the 19th century. Students can also read and analyze Stanley and Livingstone's writings, which shed new light on the people and places they encountered. It fulfills the following guidelines outlined by the National Council for History Education: 1) Patterns of social and political interaction; 2) Human interaction with the environment; and 3) Conflict and cooperation. It is appropriate for middle school and high school students.

**Teacher's Guide Available:**

[http://www.history.com/minisites/classroom/PDF/09-0599\\_Expedition\\_StudyGuide.pdf](http://www.history.com/minisites/classroom/PDF/09-0599_Expedition_StudyGuide.pdf)

**Related Links:**

[Expedition Africa](#)

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Download the free iPhone apps.

- [Expedition Africa the Game](#)

- [The Exploration Tool](#)

**In the store:**

[Expedition: Africa DVD SET](#)

Pre-order today.

[Into Africa: The Epic Adventures of Stanley and Livingstone](#) (Paperback)

***History Classroom Programming Change Announcement:***  
**History Classroom Now Airs Each Monday at 6am/5c**

Starting in June, History Classroom will now air only on Monday mornings from 6am/5c, rather than five days a week. The History Classroom calendar will be updated regularly with program information and links to teacher's guides for these Monday morning programs. View the online calendar here:

<http://www.history.com/classroom/classcal/root.cgi>

In future months, the History Classroom website will feature an enhanced online video player with video clips about a wide range of historical topics and events. The refreshed History Classroom site also features interactive games, maps, teacher's guides and more. Check out the newly designed Classroom site and visit us over the summer! <http://www.history.com/classroom>

***10 Days That Unexpectedly Changed America: Antietam***  
**Monday, June 1st at 6am/5c**

On September 17, 1862, at Antietam Creek, Maryland, over 23,000 Union and Confederate soldiers

(nine times the number who fell on the beaches of Normandy) were killed or wounded. This cataclysmic battle was the bloodiest day of fighting in American history, with a stunning number of casualties left in its wake. Antietam also proved to be a critical turning point in the chronology of the Civil War. Though Union troops had halted the Confederate advance toward Washington, D.C., neither side emerged as the decisive victor. Nonetheless, the battle was a powerful symbolic victory for the Union. Encouraged by the Confederate retreat, President Lincoln boldly issued the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing Southern slaves and sending the message that his goal was to end the war and reunite the Union. In the battle's aftermath, England and France were also dissuaded from supporting either side in the war, avoiding an expansion of the conflict of untold proportions.

***Antietam*** is a riveting one hour documentary which dramatically explores the events, meaning, and significance of this watershed battle. Through innovative photographic re-creations and powerful narratives by eloquent and passionate Civil War historians, this documentary vividly portrays the unfathomable horror of the battle as well as the momentous political and social backdrop against which it was waged. Educators and their students will be drawn into this intense documentary, an excellent introduction to this critical chapter in the war. A visually captivating documentary, the filmmakers use an innovative style that recollects the powerful images of groundbreaking Civil War photographer Matthew Brady. This program is a compelling opportunity for students to reconsider the Civil War's causes, consequences, and profound legacies.

**Curriculum Links:**

***Antietam*** would be useful for American History, American Culture, Social Studies, and Geography courses. It would be an excellent supplement to Civil War course units and lesson plans. It is appropriate for middle school and high school students. **Due to some sensitive content, we recommend that teachers view this program in its entirety before showing it to students.** It fulfills the following standards as outlined by the National Council for History Education: 1) Values, beliefs, political ideas, and institutions, 2) Conflict and cooperation, and 3) Patterns of social and political interaction.

**Teacher's Guide Available:**

[View the \*Antietam\* guide](#)

**Related link:**

[Watch to find out more about the Battle of Antietam](#)

**Special Presentation: *Underwater Universe***  
**Monday, June 1st at 8pm/7c**

Throughout history, tidal waves, storm surges, hurricanes and cyclones – fueled by the ocean – have wreaked great destruction on the cities and people in their path. Today, science forecasts that the oceans are getting fiercer, reshaping our coastlines and threatening to endanger communities worldwide. *Underwater Universe* is a special 2 hour presentation which tracks the history and evolution of the ocean's seven deadliest zones. This program helps explain to viewers the how and floods, tsunamis, hurricanes, whirlpools, and underwater volcanoes develop. With commentary from leading oceanographers and 3D imagery, this program helps depict the incredible cosmic and geological fluctuations that make the oceans deadly over time. Educators and their students will also learn how, with advances in navigation, engineering, and meteorology, people today have learned to avoid the more catastrophic affects of weather events. This documentary will give students new insights into the scientific causes of events, and learn more about how experts use information from the past to help protect humankind in the future.

**Curriculum Links:**

*Underwater Universe* would be useful for Science, Social Studies, History, Oceanography, and Geography courses. It is appropriate for middle school and high school students. It fulfills the following standards as outlined by the National Council for History Education: (1) Civilization, cultural diffusion and innovation; (2) Human interaction with the environment.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What was the most interesting new thing you learned from watching this documentary?
2. Based on what you learned in this documentary, what are some of the ways societies can prepare for extreme weather events?

**Related Links:**

Watch videos about these natural disasters.

[East Coast Tsunami](#)

[Hurricanes](#)

***OAH Magazine of History Antebellum Slavery* issue available now!**

Antebellum slavery is the theme of the newly published April 2009 issue of the quarterly Magazine of History recently published by the Organization of American Historians (OAH). This magazine features articles by leading historians in the field, covering a range of topics from the changing historical interpretations of slavery to the everyday life of slaves. High school teachers and public historians offer lesson plans and suggestions for new ways to incorporate these topics into history and social studies classrooms. To subscribe to this publication, or to view selected articles and images from this issue online, visit: <http://oah.org/pubs/magazine/antebellumslavery/>