

# New Videos in SCHS Library

## October 2007

### Crash

Stars Sandra Bullock and Matt Dillon, Don Cheadle. This movie tracks the volatile intersections of a multi-ethnic cast of characters as they careen in and out of one another's lives and struggle to overcome their fears. In the grey area between black and white, victim and aggressor, this film demonstrates that there are no easy answers.

### Pilot Guide

50 minutes each

#### Yucatan, Belize and Guatemala: La Ruta Maya

Traveler Justine Shapiro starts her journey in Merida, Mexico, the Capital of the Yucatan Peninsula, taking in the Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza and Tulum. From there, she travels south to English-speaking Belize before ending her journey in Guatemala at the Easter celebrations in Antigua - hailed as the most spectacular in Latin America.

#### Cuba and Haiti

Cuba is the largest and least commercialized Caribbean country. The political isolation that has kept tourists away helps keep the culture intact and visitors are spoiled by a vibrant and colonial welcome. Traveler Ian Wright skydives into his Cuban adventure before exploring bustling Havana. Traveling west through the cigar famed Pinar del Rio region he reaches the musical Santiago de Cuba. Traveling on to Haiti through its capital, Port au Prince, he ends his journey at the spectacular citadel in Cape Haitien.

#### Argentina

Traveler Justine Shapiro begins her adventure in Iguazu before traveling west to Jujay. After an incredible train journey to Salta she continues south to the capital Buenos Aires. She ends her journey at the southern extreme of the country amidst the incredible scenery of the Parque National Los Glaciares.

#### Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands

Traveler Justine Shapiro starts her travels in Guayaquil before taking a train up into the Andes. After climbing the highest active volcano on earth, she heads north to the capital of Ecuador, Quito. Following a trek in the Amazon she completes her trip with a visit to the magnificent Galapagos Islands.

#### Central America: Costa Rica & Nicaragua

Traveler Neil Gibson begins his journey in the Costa Rican capital of San Jose. By bike he travels north to admire the abundant wildlife at the Monteverde Cloud forest reserve. After witnessing a bull fiesta in Liberia he crosses the border into Nicaragua. He starts by learning about the country's turbulent history before heading south across the Soletiname Archipelago. He ends his journey at the dramatic Volcan Masaya.

#### Mexico City

Justine Shapiro travels to Mexico City, a melee of modern sky scrapers, Indian markets and Spanish churches where most of Mexico's political, cultural, and economic life has been centred for thousands of years.

#### Southern Mexico

Ian Wright travels to the deep south of Mexico, for some serious partying, a search for the perfect beach, ancient Mayan ruins and amazing jungle treks.

#### Northern Spain

Traveller Shilpa Mehta starts her journey amongst the rich architecture of Barcelona. Heading north she travels through Pamplona hitting the coast at San Sebastian. South again it's on to the capital Madrid where she learns what it takes to become a bull fighter. Following the pilgrim trail North West through Santiago she finally reaches the Atlantic coast at Cabo Finisterre.

Along the way...

- Watch the building of a human castle
- Run with the bulls in Pamplona
- Sample the distinctive tapas of the Basque region
- Cycle through the Somiedo National Reserve
- Witness a bull fight with a famous female matador

#### Chile & Easter Island

Traveler Ian Wright begins his journey in the scorching aridity of the Atacama Desert. He then moves south to the capital, Santiago, before taking a train to visit the indigenous Mapuche Indians. He travels across the outstanding glacier-streamed mountains of Torres del Paine National Park. Via Robinson Crusoe Island, he flies to Easter Island and ends his journey on one of the most remote inhabited places on Earth.

Along the way.

- See ancient mummies with their glossy black hair still neatly braided.
- Watch dawn break over the highest geyser field in the world.
- Learn how to herd llamas
- Observe the stars through the largest telescope in the southern hemisphere
- See the colossal Maoi on Easter Island, among the most fascinating archaeological mysteries of all time.

### **Bolivia**

Traveller Ian Wright starts his journey on Lake Titicaca, before heading to the capital La Paz. He then travels to the mining centre of Potosi, the salt lakes of Salar de Uyuni, and attends the Fiesta of San Miguel in Uncia. After cycling to the cocoa fields of Coroico, he treks up the spectacular Andean peak of Huayna Potosi.

Along the way...

- Visit Lake Titicaca, one of the highest lakes in the world
- Explore a silver mine, where miners have been working and risking their lives for more than three centuries
- Attend a 'Tinku Fight', a Bolivian traditional form of combat
- Ride the road of death, the world's most dangerous highway!
- Absorb the breathtaking views at Potaci, the highest city in the world

### **Peru**

Situated on the northwest corner of South America, the Peruvian Andes contrast dramatically with the lush tropical rain forests making Peru one of the most geographically and culturally diverse countries on earth. Traveller Neil Gibson starts his adventure in Peru's capital Lima. From there he travels north to trek through the glaciers from the Andean city of Huaraz. Via the surfing town of Trujillo, he moves into the Amazon and explores the abundant rain forest wildlife. Taking a flight south he ends his journey in the Inca capital of Cuzco.

Along the way:

- Climb a glacier 10,000 feet above sea level;
- Eat piranha on an Amazon river trek
- Witness the spectacular celebrations of the Raymi Sun Festival
- Trek to the Inca ruins at Machu Picchu
- View the mysterious Nazca Lines.

## **New DVD's**

### **Spy Rabbit Foreign Television**

15 min each

Captured in 2006, in Spanish with Spanish subtitles

### **News Reports in Spanish**

Current events are selected to allow students to see and hear the language in use while increasing their vocabulary recognition.

### **Weather Reports in Spanish**

Current stories allow students to see and hear the language in use while increasing their vocabulary recognition.

### **Sports Reports in Spanish**

Sports reports and events in Spanish featuring the 2005 World Cup, tennis, American football, baseball, basketball, and more. They chose stories to keep the interest of students so they can hear about famous Latin athletes, experience the games and see the language in use

### **Soap Opera Snippets in Spanish**

They collected a handful of popular soap opera clips in Spanish and edited them for use in the classroom. With the ability to see and hear the language in use, it will increase students' conversational skills and vocabulary recognition.

### **Big Fish**

125 min

The story revolves around a dying father and his son, who is trying to learn more about his dad by piecing together the stories he has gathered over the years. The son winds up re-creating his father's elusive life in a series of legends and myths inspired by the few facts he knows. Through these tales, the son begins to understand his father's great feats and his great failings.

### **The Green Mile**

188 min

Set on Death Row in a Southern prison in 1935, The Green Mile is the remarkable story of the cell block's head guard, who develops a poignant, unusual relationship with one inmate who possesses a magical gift that is both mysterious and miraculous.

### **Freedom Writers**

122 minutes

A young teacher (Swank) inspires her class of at-risk students to learn tolerance, apply themselves, and pursue education beyond high school

### **The Great Global Warming Swindle**

158 min

The film brings together the arguments of some scientists who disagree with the prevailing consensus that carbon dioxide released by human activity is the cause of rising global temperatures today. Since then, two of the scientists who took part in the film, have made public complaints about the way the film was made. They claim that the way the film was edited gave a misleading impression of critical data and their own viewpoints.

### **The World of Work**

All include facilitator's guide and blackline masters

#### **Getting a Good Start**

14 min

This program helps students and entry-level employees understand the attitudes and work habits needed for success on the job. The program uses a variety of devices - humour, re-enactments, and hidden-camera episodes - to show what's needed for a good start in the world of work. Viewers learn the importance of being a team player on the job, see why every job is important, discover why it's important to ask questions and follow company rules and procedures, and find out the six basic behaviours that can lead to dismissal or hinder advancement. An excellent program for any young person about to enter the job market as a full - or part-time worker.

#### **Getting Along with your Co-Workers**

13 min

The program's host and hostess explain the best way to fit in with your co-workers is to behave in a responsible manner and be friendly and courteous. Goofing off, not following the organization's safety rules and conducting personal business on company time are discussed and how these negative behaviours may result in workplace accidents, have a negative impact on salary and benefits and can cause resentment among co-workers

#### **Getting Along with your Supervisor**

29 min

In a frank and realistic manner, this program helps young people realize that an employee's relationship with his or her immediate boss is crucial to success on the job. It clearly explains how to form a solid relationship with the person in charge. "Getting Along with Your Supervisor" shows why supervisors are often under a great deal of pressure and why they depend on their workers to do their jobs right. The seven sins that poison a worker's relationship with his or her boss - lying, trying to cover up mistakes, making excuses, making assumptions, failing to ask questions, brown-nosing, and failing to follow instructions to the letter - are covered in this engaging presentation. All are discussed and illustrated. Knowing how to communicate with your supervisor is discussed also.

#### **Getting a Good Job**

29 min

The first part of this program provides a clear, step-by-step process young people can use to determine the kind of work for which they're best suited. Once the individual has narrowed down his or her occupational preferences, the program then shows how to write a qualification brief. The video explains how to show in your qualifications brief that you're professional, dependable, honest, and a team player - qualities employers look for when choosing new workers. The second part of the program shows how to conduct a successful job search and how to prepare for and conduct oneself during a job interview. Six job-search strategies are covered-working throughout public and private agencies, using want-ads, working with a school placement counselor, on-line searches using the Internet, and networking. The video then explains how to prepare for a job interview and shows what strategies the job seeker can use during the interview, strategies that often result in a job offer

### **Designing Packaging**

19 min

Includes teacher's notes.

Most things that we buy come in some form of packaging. A lot of time and effort goes into designing packaging that serves a variety of functions, is appealing to consumers and is economic to make. The purposes of packing and principles of good packaging design are examined before we investigate the design brief, and the numerous technical and other criteria that the packaging has to meet to be considered

successful. We then look at the actual design process, from concept sketches to testing and evaluation of the finished product.

### **Supermarket Persuasion: What Marketers Should Know**

24 min

Includes teacher's guide.

Take a video trip to a supermarket to observe what marketers know about consumer behavior. Viewers learn how supermarkets are programmed to encourage shoppers to buy the most profitable foods. Explore how every detail of a store, from the size of the shopping carts to the color balance of the lighting in the produce department is a marketing tactic. Viewers learn about continuity offers, bounce patterns, variable margin pricing, slotting allowances, shelf talkers, tie-ins, shelf hangers, and the "rule of nines."

### **Legacy of Colonialism**

24 min

Includes teacher guide.

Begins an analysis of the historical structures which have contributed to the current status of many of the world's nations. One characteristic that most developing nations have in common is that they were at one time or another colonies or occupied territories, and, as such, their resources were not developed for the benefit of their residents but for the benefit of the occupying power. Looks at the difficulties former colonies faced after achieving independence and their susceptibility to local autocrats. Ends by looking at the signs of improvement and hope which occurred in the late 1960s and 70s.

### **Cyberbullies**

19 minutes

Includes teacher guide.

Chat rooms, blogs, and instant messaging have become standard forms of communication for many young people. Unfortunately, they have also become popular ways to bully and harass others. This program is designed to prevent children and teenagers from falling victim to cyberbullying, using dramatizations and Q & A discussions to expand awareness of the issue. The video discusses cyberbullying warning signs, common patterns of abuse, and questionable online activities and destinations to stay away from. It also presents strategies for responding when cyberbullying occurs, and outlines legal problems involving privacy and libel that young Internet users should be aware of.

### **Understanding Canadian Law**

36 min

Provides a solid foundation for understanding Canada's justice system. Topics include: The Constitution; Charter of Rights and Freedoms; French and English Influence; Federal and Provincial Jurisdiction; Civil Code of Quebec; The Courts; Common Law ; Case Law; Statute Law; Criminal Law; Constitutional Law; Administrative Law; Tax Law; Tort Law; Family Law; Contract Law; and more!

### **Tweaked**

"Tweaked" and "Tweaked: A Generation in Overdrive", a two-part series, are both shocking and hard to watch films designed to expose the truth about Methamphetamine, the "drug of choice" ravaging America's youth.

The two films closely examine the allure, popularity and destructive influence of Methamphetamine in the lives of several youth. The shorter 20 minute film, "Tweaked", the first in the series, presents the hopeless road to death and destruction that comes with Meth abuse. Designed for the classroom, or rehab center, it's a "Scared Straight" presentation which delivers a wake up call to the addict or potential user; "there is little room for escape".

"Tweaked: A Generation in Overdrive", part two of the series runs 50 minutes and includes all of the graphic sequences in part one plus a family of four girls who recovered from meth addiction. Both shows weave through intense and graphic interviews with: kids on the street in Venice Beach, California; a street wise narcotics officer; a drug abuse counselor; and two D.A.'s who reveal the grizzly aftermath of meth-induced crimes typical of those sweeping our country.

### **Rudy**

Rudy grew up in a steel mill town where most people ended up working, but wanted to play football at Notre Dame instead. There were only a couple of problems. His grades were a little low, his athletic skills were poor, and he was only half the size of the other players. But he had the drive and the spirit of 5 people and has set his sights upon joining the team.

### **Move Your World** 52 min

Through an essay writing contest, three Canadian teens, Maria, Kouroush and Chaminda, are chosen to travel to Tanzania and connect with their Tanzanian peers while visiting schools, orphanages and rural communities. During their journey into a world of famine, AIDS and social injustice, they meet Angelina

and Veronika - two HIV positive little girls. They're poor. They're ignored by the government, their communities, even their own families, but the visitors form a deep affection and bond with the children. When they return home, the students bring a wealth of experience to share with everyone they meet

### **Pay Dirt**

Includes teacher's guide.

#### **Alberta's Oil Sands Centuries in the Making**

49 min

Part one tells the story of the century-long effort to perfect the process of recovering oil from the bitumen sands in the rugged and isolated environment of Alberta's north. See <http://www.paydirtpictures.com/kids/> for additional resources.

#### **Making the Unconventional Conventional**

49 min

Part two examines the current boom, assesses the prospects for the future, and looks at the environmental impacts of such a massive land development. See <http://www.paydirtpictures.com/kids/> for additional resources.

### **Between Living in the Hyphen**

42 min

In Canada, diversity often means "one ethnicity + hyphen + Canadian," but what if you don't fit into an easy category? What if your background is a hybrid of ancestries and you live somewhere between, where cultural identities overlap? *Between* interweaves the experiences of a group of Canadians with one parent from a European background and one from a visible minority. They're all struggling to find a satisfying frame of reference. Cultural identity, it seems, is more complex than what our multicultural utopia implies. As globalization increasingly blurs borders, *Between* offers a provocative glimpse of what the future holds: a movement away from hyphens and "pure" bloodlines, towards a celebration of fluidity, hybridity and being mixed.

### **How Consumers Decide**

23 min

Includes teacher's guide.

Advertisers know the shortest route to the pocketbook runs straight through the heart and into that murky jungle called the subconscious. Are hidden persuaders creeping silently into minds and shaping our desires? Which leads our decision making – the heart or the mind? Is one a leader while the other follows quietly behind? How do reason and feelings cooperate in the marketplace? Advertisers and marketers do not need to hypnotize us into buying or send us subliminal messages so we 'don't know what hit us.' All they need is to understand some things about our decision making that we don't even know. Watch *How Consumers Decide* to learn not so much about devious advertisers as about how you make decisions. Look closely at those clever ads and you might learn something – about yourself.

### **Assessment Strategies (Teaching Foreign Languages K-12)**

60 min

This program offers a detailed look at efforts to improve assessment in the foreign language classroom. Three case studies feature foreign language teachers using innovative assessment methods such as the Integrated Performance Assessment (IPA) model, Performance Tasks, and Backward Design. Each of these case studies follows a teacher as she works through the process with her students, from setting guidelines and modeling to giving immediate and helpful feedback on performances.

### **The End**

1 hour 6 min

With new trends in media emerging on what seems to be a daily basis, many have been predicting the fall of traditional communications for some time. There are always new trends, toys and gadgets, but which of them will survive and emerge victorious? And what will our increasingly wired, (or is that wireless), world look like in this age of instant information gratification?

### **CBC News in Review March 2007**

#### **A Call for action on Climate Change**

14:45 min

In early February 2007 an influential group of scientists issued a report on global climate change. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) concluded that it is very likely that humans are causing global warming. In this News in Review story we'll look at the IPCC report and what it says about the future of our planet. We'll also look at how some unusual weather has helped make the environment a top priority for many Canadians.

#### **The Trial of Robert Pickton**

14:08 min

In late January 2007 the trial of Robert Pickton began in a courtroom in British Columbia. Pickton is charged with murdering 26 women who disappeared from Vancouver's Downtown Eastside neighbourhood. In this

News in Review story we'll look at the opening arguments in the case of the man accused of being Canada's most deadly serial killer. WARNING: This story contains disturbing subject matter and may not be suitable for all viewers.

**The Forgotten War in Burma** 14:46 min

The country of Myanmar, also known as Burma, is one of the most secretive countries in the world. It is run by a military dictatorship that has been widely condemned for its brutality. In this News in Review story we'll examine the plight of the Karen people who have been fighting the military for 60 years. We'll also look at the story of one Karen woman who managed to escape from Burma and start a new life in Canada.

**Repression and fear in Russia** 16:27 min

When the Soviet Union collapsed many hoped that freedom would replace repression in the new Russia. But in recent years those hopes have been dashed. In this News in Review story we'll look at how Russia's President Vladimir Putin has been cracking down on his opponents. We'll also examine how his government uses fear and the media to make sure only its message is heard.

**CBC News in Review April 2007**

**The Budget: Countdown to an Election?** 13:07 min

On March 19, Stephen Harper's Conservative government tabled its second budget. Because it's a minority government, there was much speculation that if the budget was defeated it could trigger a federal election. In this News in Review story we'll look at the budget and how it was received by the opposition.

**Quebecers Vote in a Provincial Election** 12:21 min

In late March Quebecers went to the polls in an election that could have an impact on the rest of Canada. Although Premier Jean Charest's Liberal Party was favoured to win, the election turned into a tight three-party race. In this News in Review story we'll look at the campaign and show you who won.

**Arrest in a 1964 Mississippi Cold Case** 18:15 min

In 1964 two black teenagers in Mississippi were murdered, allegedly by members of a racist group known as the Ku Klux Klan. Two men were arrested but later released. One of them, James Ford Seale, was later believed to have died. In this News in Review story we'll look at how a Canadian discovered that Seale was still alive and alerted police so they could arrest him.

**Fashion and the Dangerously Thin** 12:30 min

Obesity is a major problem in Canada. But while shedding a few pounds can sometimes be a healthy choice, being too thin can be bad for you. Doctors have been noticing an increase in eating disorders, and some of them blame the fashion industry. In this News in Review story we'll look at how the industry has been accused of sending out the wrong message by using super-thin models.

**CBC News in Review May 2007**

**Remembering Vimy Ridge** 14:20 min

On Easter Monday 2007, Canadians marked the 90th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. The battle cost the lives of more than 3,000 Canadians but contributed greatly to Canada's sense of nationhood. This story looks at the commemoration ceremonies that were held in France and in Canada. It also looks at the renovated monument that dominates the battlefield and why it remains such a powerful symbol.

**Iran seizes British soldiers** 12:53 min

In late March 2007, Iranian forces captured 15 British navy sailors and marines in a waterway between Iran and Iraq. The crew was released two weeks later. But the incident escalated tensions already running high over Iran's nuclear program. This story looks at how the sailors were seized and treated by the Iranians and why Iran's leaders are refusing to back down over the nuclear issue.

**The Dangers of Global Warming** 16:28 min

In early April 2007 an international panel of scientists released a bleak report about the threat of climate change. The scientists warned that if climate change goes unchecked billions of people could face shortages of food and water. In this News in Review story they look at how global warming is affecting British Columbia's forests and Australia's beaches and what the city of Philadelphia is doing to protect its residents from killer heat waves

**Living as a Homeless Person** 15:47 min

Homelessness is a big problem in Canada. Thousands of Canadians spend their nights on the street or in homeless shelters. But what it is really like not to have a place to call home? CBC reporter Mark Kelley tries to find out by spending seven days as a homeless person in Montreal. They follow him as he spends his nights in a shelter, meets other homeless people, and tries to figure out what can be done to help them.