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CONTEMPORARY HISTORY OF STRUGGLE IN AMERICA

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A Class Apart

A Class Apart tells the little-known story of a band of underdog Mexican-American lawyers who took their case, Hernandez v. Texas, all the way to the Supreme Court, where they successfully challenged Jim Crow-style discrimination against Mexican-Americans.

Adam Clayton Powell

The Academy Award-nominated ADAM CLAYTON POWELL delves into the gripping life and career of the most influential and flamboyant civil rights leader in America in the '30s, '40s and '50s. From his emergence as the princely pastor of Harlem's enormous Abyssinian Baptist Church, to his improbable, riotous political climb and eventual ruin, this must-watch film captures a man who was truly larger than life.

A Fighting Force

A Fighting Force pays tribute to the valor and sacrifices of African-American soldiers while shedding light on the discrimination and disregard that at times proved more threatening than the rigors of battle.

Afrikan History Vs. Biblical Myths – Part I

Ashra Kwesi reveals firsthand information from ancient temples, tombs, and papyrus papers recorded when African people were teachers of the world.

Afrikan History Vs. Biblical Myths – Part II

Ashra Kwesi takes the viewer on a historical and chronological journey into black peoples' true history.

Against the Odds: The artists of the Harlem Renaissance

Archival footage, newsreels, and photographs recall the influential force of exhibitions, Harlem's vibrancy in the Roaring Twenties, and significant personalities such as William E. Harmon, W. E. B. Du Bois, and Alain Locke. Watch African-American artists triumph over formidable odds to create lasting beauty.

A Huey P. Newton Story

An intimate portrait of Huey P. Newton, the late co-founder of the Black Panther Party.

America's Civil Rights Movement Complete Teaching Package in Text & Video Teaching Tolerance Might Times the Legacy of Rosa Parks

American Blackout

Whatever you think you know about our election systems or Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney, this film will make you further question why the news media fails to accurately inform the public.

Assaulted: Civil Right Under Fire

A documentary that brings audiences to the center of the controversy over the issue that is dividing our nation - gun control. The film takes a critical look at current gun laws and the rising movement to restrict the rights guaranteed by our Second Amendment.

A Place at the Table

50 Million Americans—I in 4 children—don't know where their next meal is coming from. A Place at the Table tells the powerful stories of three such Americans, who maintain their dignity even as they struggle just to eat.

A Time For Burning

A Time for Burning is a classic touchstone which poignantly captures the awakening of the Civil Rights Movement as it challenged the nation to change its ways. Originally rejected by the three major networks for being too controversial, this classic cinema verite film from the Academy Award nominated filmmaker Bill Jersey captures an all-white Lutheran Church in Omaha, Nebraska as their eager, but earnest pastor tries to get the congregation to reach out to their fellow black Lutherans.

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Banished

Vividly recounts the forgotten history of racial cleansing in America when thousands of African-Americans were driven from their homes and communities by violent racist mobs in the late 19th and 20th centuries.

Becoming American: The Chinese Experience

In this Emmy-nominated documentary, Bill Moyers tells the story of a people who have ventured, suffered, endured, and eventually prevailed from war and famine in Guangdong province to a tenuous new life in America.

Black Indians: An American Story

Brings to light a forgotten part of America's past- the cultural and racial fusion of Native and African Americans. Narrated by James Earl Jones, produced and directed by the award-winning Native American production company Rich-Heape Films, this presentation explores what brought the two groups together, what drove them apart and the challenges they face today.

Bleaching Black Culture

The imprint of cultural theft has a long legacy, and this power of influence in music, sports, fashion, and art translates into millions of dollars for our country. Cultural branding has not only helped to exploit the hip-hop community along with other forms of black art, it's managed to monetize black marginalization.

Bowling for Columbine

Acclaimed filmmaker Michael Moore takes aim at America's love affair with guns and violence.

Bullied - A Student, a School and a Case That Made History

This is the story of Jamie Nabozny. His inspiring story offers hope for millions of gay and lesbian students who still don't feel safe at school.

Carbon Nation

An optimistic, solutions-based, non-preachy, non-partisan, big tent film, shows tackling climate change boosts the economy, increases national and energy security, promotes health and a clean environment.

Chisholm '72

Nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at Sundance, this powerful documentary follows the career of Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman to run for President of the United States.

Citizen King

The story begins on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in August 1963, when a 34-year-old preacher galvanized millions with his dream for an America free of racism. It comes to a bloody end almost five years later, on a motel balcony in Memphis, TN.

Dark Girls

Dark Girls is a fascinating and controversial film that goes underneath the surface to explore the prejudices dark-skinned women face throughout the world. It explores the roots of classism, racism and the lack of self-esteem within a segment of cultures that span from America to the most remote corners of the globe. Women share their personal stories, touching on deeply ingrained beliefs and attitudes of society, while allowing generations to heal as they learn to love themselves for who they are.

Doctored

The film the AMA does not want you to see. Your food, your medicine, your healthcare has all been doctored.

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Elementary Genocide

The school to prison pipeline is researched, investigated and explored with startling alacrity.

EMPIRE Strikes Black: The Propaganda of the Media & Malcolm X Fifty Years Later

Propaganda of the media and how negative depictions of African-Americans influence the way people think, feel, act, and behave.

End of Poverty

A daring, thought-provoking and very timely documentary revealing that poverty is not an accident. It began with military conquest, slavery and colonization that resulted in the seizure of land and other natural resources as well as in forced labor. Today, global poverty has reached new levels because of unfair debt, trade and tax policies -- in other words, wealthy countries exploiting the weaknesses of poor, developing countries.

Eye on the Prize (Part I)

"Awakenings" 1954-1956 and "Fighting Back" 1957-1962

Eye on the Prize (Part II)

"Ain't Scared of Your Jails" 1960-1961 and "No Easy Walk" 1961-1963

Eye on the Prize (Part III)

"Mississippi: Is This America?" 1962-1964 and "Bridge to Freedom" 1965

500 Years Later

Filmed in five continents, 500 Years Later is a critically acclaimed, multi-award-winning journey infused with the spirit and music of liberation.

Fed Up

Fed Up blows the lid off everything we thought we knew about food and exercise, revealing a 30-year campaign by the food industry aided by the U.S. government to mislead and confuse the American public. Exposing the hidden truths contributing to one of the largest health epidemics in history, the film follows a group of families battling to lead healthier lives and reveals why the conventional wisdom of exercise and eat right is not ringing true for millions of people struggling with diabetes, childhood obesity and other serious conditions.

Forks Over Knives

Forks over knives examines the profound claim that most, if not all, of the degenerative diseases that afflict us can be controlled, or even reversed, by rejecting animal-based and processed foods.

42: The Jackie Robinson Story

Drama featuring the singular integration of Major League Baseball in 1946. A consequence that marked the beginning of the end of the Negro Leagues.

Free Angela and All Political Prisoners

This documentary allows for a younger audience to gain more understanding of a violent, troubled period in this country's history.

Freedom Riders

They called themselves the Freedom Riders and they managed to bring the president and the entire American public face to face with segregation.

Freedom Summer, Mississippi 1964

In the hot and deadly summer of 1964, the nation could not turn away from Mississippi. Over 10 weeks known as Freedom Summer, more than 700 student volunteers joined with organizers and local African Americans in a historic effort to shatter the foundations of white supremacy.

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Fruitvale Station

Drama centered on the tragic shooting of Oscar Grant, a vibrant 22-year-old Bay Area father who was gunned down by BART officers on New Year's Day in 2009.

Genetic Roulette: The Gamble of Our Lives

Evidence points to genetically engineered foods as a major contributor to rising disease rates in the US population, especially among children. Gastrointestinal disorders, allergies, inflammatory diseases, and infertility are just some of the problems implicated in humans, pets, livestock, and lab animals that eat genetically modified soybeans and corn.

GMO OMG

Who controls the future of your food? GMO OMG explores the systematic corporate takeover and potential loss of humanity's most precious and ancient inheritance: seeds. Director Jeremy Seifert investigates how loss of seed diversity and corresponding laboratory assisted genetic alteration of food affects his young children, the health of our planet, and freedom of choice everywhere.

Harry Belafonte and Civil Rights Workers

Experience the American Journey through our country's visual heritage in this historical recording provided by the National Archives of the United States.

Hidden Colors 1, 2, 3

Documentaries of the real and untold histories of people of color around the globe. This film discusses some of the reasons contributions of African and aboriginal people have been left out of the pages of history.

Hoodwinked

In this modern era of information, the media, government and special interests use statistics to further promote the message of black inferiority. What is more troubling is that black Americans have internalized the misinformation, embraced the myths, and perpetuated the stereotypes.

Huey P. Newton: Prelude to Revolution

Oakland 1966: Fed up with years of harassment of African Americans by local police, a group of young activists institute armed patrols to put a stop to police brutality. Thus the Black Panther Party for Self Defense was born.

Inequality For All

A passionate argument on behalf of the middle class, INEQUALITY FOR ALL features Robert Reich-professor, best-selling author, and Clinton cabinet member-as he demonstrates how the widening income gap has a devastating impact on the American economy.

Jazz: A Film by Ken Burns

From its blues and ragtime roots through swing and into bebop and fusion, the growth of jazz is charted as you watch 75 interviews, more than 500 pieces of music and rare, unseen photos and footage.

John Brown's Holy War

He led a righteous crusade against the evils of slavery yet used horrifying violence to carry out his mission. Martyr, madman, and murderer, John Brown was an extremist who was as controversial and misunderstood in the mid-1800s as he is today. His execution at Harper's Ferry sparked a chain of events that led to the Civil War. Hear his story and gain fresh insight into a unique figure in American history.

King: A Filmed Record.....From Montgomery to Memphis

A filmed record of Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement's epic struggles from 1957 to 1968.

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King Corn

Engrossing and eye-opening, King Corn is a fun and crusading journey into the digestive tract of our fast-food nation. With the help of real farmers, powerful fertilizer, government aid, and genetically modified seeds, they unlock the hidden truths about America's modern food system.

Klansville USA

Having been dormant for decades, the Ku Klux Klan reemerged in the U.S. after the 1954 Supreme Court Brown v. Board of Education decision, gaining momentum as the civil rights movement grew.

Latino Americans

Relies on historical accounts and personal experiences to tell the stories of early settlement, conquest and immigration; of tradition and reinvention; and of anguish and celebration, from the millions of people coming to the U.S. from Mexico, Spain, Puerto Rico, and countries in Central and South America.

Let Freedom Sing

How music inspired the Civil Rights Movement. Dramatic first-person accounts by Mississippi Freedom Fighters who sang to give themselves courage in the face of great danger.

Men II Boys

The man you see is the man you will be. A documentary for young men of color.

MLK—The Assassination Tapes

The film is a documentary exploration of the lives and deaths of people targeted by the US government's COINTELPRO program, an FBI launched program aimed against organized efforts by African-Americans to gain rights guaranteed by our constitution.

Mr. Civil Rights—Thurgood Marshall and the NAACP

Civil rights attorney Thurgood Marshall's triumph in the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision to desegregate America's public schools completed the final leg of an heroic journey to end legal segregation.

Native American Indians of the Southwest

Before Europeans set foot on these shores, Native Americans lived in harmony with all that surrounded them. Steeped in myth and tradition, they epitomize the extraordinary relationship between the people, the land and all living creatures.

Paul Robeson – Here I Stand

If Paul Robeson (1898-1976) is remembered at all these days, it's most likely as the booming baritone on the definitive version of "Ol' Man River." But Robeson, as this serious, nearly two-hour 1999 documentary makes plain, was a great deal more than that. A world-renowned singer and actor, athlete, orator, activist, socialist, and patriot, he was most likely the most famous black man in the world in the mid-20th century.

Powernomics: "A Vision Beyond the Dream"

Dr. Claud Anderson breaks down the American education system and how it was design to keep Black People marginalized.

Powernomics: "Inappropriate Behavior: A Roadblock to Empowerment"

Powernomics: "On the Firing Line with Questions and Answers"

Powernomics: Reparations – Now or Never

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Race to Freedom: The Underground Railroad

From one of the most troubled and dramatic periods in American history comes a story of courage and true love that transcends the ages. *Race to Freedom: The Underground Railroad* is the story of heroic fugitives, bold conductors, and a candle in the window; the story of those who risked their lives by taking charge of their destiny, all for the chance to be free.

Reconstruction: The Second Civil War

Spanning the years from 1863 to 1877, this dramatic mini-series recounts the tumultuous post-Civil War years. America was grappling with rebuilding itself, with bringing the South back into the Union, and with how best to offer citizenship to former slaves.

Resurrecting Black Wall Street

The history of Black Wall Street is one of the most important stories ever told. It's also one that has been forgotten by some and still has unfinished business. This tragedy is not only one that must be shared by all of us, it also serves as a blueprint for black economic empowerment.

Scottsboro: An American Tragedy

In March 1931, two white women stepped off a box car in Paint Rock, Alabama, with a shocking accusation of gang rape, by nine black teenagers on the train. So began one of the 20th century's fieriest legal battles. The youths' trial led to momentous Supreme Court decisions, and helped give birth to the civil rights movement.

Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot

The Southern Poverty Law Center presents a Teaching Tolerance film "Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot"

Slavery by Another Name

A documentary that challenges one of Americans' most cherished assumptions: that slavery in this country ended with the Emancipation Proclamation.

Spies of Mississippi

Enter the chilling world of anti-civil rights espionage. Spies of Mississippi reveals in shocking detail the state of Mississippi's effort to undermine the civil rights movement using a vast network of spies.

The Abolitionists

The Abolitionists. Radicals. Agitators. Troublemakers. Liberators. Called many names, the abolitionists tore the nation apart in order to create a more perfect union. Men and women, black and white, Northerners and Southerners, poor and wealthy-these passionate anti-slavery activists fought body and soul in the most important civil rights crusade in American history.

The Angola 3

The Angola Three are three prison inmates – Robert Hillary King, Albert Woodfox, and Herman Wallace – who were put in solitary confinement in Louisiana State Penitentiary, a.k.a. Angola Prison, in April 1972 after the killing of a prison guard. Robert King spent 29 years in solitary confinement before his conviction was overturned and he was released. Wallace was released on October 1, 2013, after more than 41 years in prison, and Woodfox's unconditional release was decided on June 10, 2015 after 43 years of solitary confinement. On November 20, 2014, Woodfox had his conviction overturned by the US Court of Appeals, and in April 2015 his lawyer applied for an unconditional writ for his release.

The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975

During the rise of the Black Power Movement in the '60s and '70s, Swedish Television journalists documented the unfolding cultural revolution for their audience back home.

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The Buffalo Soldiers

This documentary chronicles the history and accomplishments of the all-black cavalries and infantries during the last half of the 19th century.

The Corporation

It explores the nature and spectacular rise of the most pervasive institution of our time. Combining analysis with footage from advertising, television news and industrial films.

The Central Park Five

In 1989, five Black and Latino teenagers from Harlem were arrested and later convicted of raping a white woman in New York City's Central Park. They spent between 6 and 13 years in prison before a serial rapist confessed.

The Distortion of the Legacy of MLK: "The Revolutionary Will NOT be Televised"

Deals with the distortion of Dr. Kings' legacy based upon the manipulation of the media especially through the TEL-LIE-VISION.

The 11th Hour

This is an important documentary. The film is full of terrifying images and fascinating interviews from some great minds. But, luckily, it does not spend too much time making its case about our destruction. After getting the viewer sufficiently terrified, the film shifts its focus to the causes of the problem.

The End of Poverty? Think Again

The End of Poverty? Is a daring, thought-provoking and very timely documentary by award-winning filmmaker, Philippe Diaz, revealing that poverty is not an accident. Today, global poverty has reached new levels because of unfair debt, trade and tax policies.

The FBI's War on Black America

The FBI's War on Black America offers a thought provoking look at a government-sanctioned conspiracy, the FBI's counter intelligence program known as Cointelpro. This documentary establishes historical perspective on the measures initiated by J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI which aimed to discredit black political figures and forces of the late 1960's and early 1970's.

The House I Live In

This documentary goes inside America's longest war to examine the effects of drug laws on everyone from the dealer and the grieving mother to the jailer and the federal judge.

The Great Debaters

Inspired by a true story, Denzel Washington shines as a brilliant political radical debate team coach who uses the power of words to transform a group of underdog African American college students into an historical powerhouse that took on the Harvard elite.

The Lost Years of Zora Neal Hurston

In the 1930s and '40s, writer, folklorist, and anthropologist Zora Neal Hurston was a celebrated figure of the Harlem Renaissance. Hurston is best remembered for her novel "Their Eyes Were Watching God," and her collection of African American folklore, "Mules and Men."

The Murder of Fred Hampton

The Murder of Fred Hampton began as a film portrait of Hampton and the Illinois Black Panther Party. In an infamous moment in Chicago history and politics, over a dozen policemen burst into Hampton's apartment while its occupants were sleeping, killing Hampton and fellow Panther Mark Clark and brutalizing the other occupants.

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The Massachusetts 54th Colored Infantry

Two years into the Civil War, free men of color were still denied the right to fight for the end of slavery. Weeks after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, the governor of Massachusetts was authorized to raise the first northern black regiment, referred to at the time as "the Massachusetts 54th colored infantry."

The Slanted Screen

The Slanted Screen explores the portrayals of Asian men in American cinema, chronicling the experiences of actors who have had to struggle against ethnic stereotyping and limiting roles.

The Souls of Black Girls

A provocative news documentary that questions whether or not women of color are suffering from a self-image disorder as a result of media images.

The Story of the Negro Leagues: Pride and Perseverance

The history of the Negro Leagues is often a forgotten part of baseball, and despite its popularity and wealth of talent, was not well-documented.

Trail of Tears

Native Americans have experienced a history full of oppression and racism. Since the period when Native tribes were found on this continent at the time of its "discovery," the British and American governments disregarded Native Americans as the owners of the territory they occupied.

Twelve Years a Slave

A movie adaptation of Solomon Northrup, an accomplished, free citizen of New York, is kidnapped and sold into slavery.

Uncounted

An explosive documentary that shows how the election fraud that changed the outcome of the 2004 election led to even greater fraud in 2006 and now looms as an unbridled threat to elections in 2008 and beyond.

Up From Slavery

A riveting portrait of the haunting history of slavery in America. (Parts One thru Seven.)

Unconstitutional: The War on Our Civil Liberties

Here, you'll get the real story behind the USA Patriot Act and other administration policies and the gut wrenching stories behind those affected – from law abiding store clerks to United States Olympians unable to travel.

Underground Railroad: The William Still Story

Tells the compelling story of William Still, one of the most unheralded individuals of the Underground Railroad, and details the accounts of black abolitionists who had everything at stake as they helped fugitives follow the North Star to Canada.

Vietnam: America's Conflict

Understand the roots and evolution of the conflict that transformed our nation. This collection of harrowing and compelling footage traces the evolution from a regional military engagement to an ever-expanding war that ultimately spanned three presidents.

Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price

Takes you behind the glitz and into the real lives of workers and their families, business owners and their communities in an extraordinary journey that will challenge the way you think and feel.

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What Black Men Think

Since the triumphs of the Civil Rights legislations of the early 1960's havoc and decimation has been wreaked on the black family with as specific devastation on the black man.

What We Want, What We Believe: The Black Panther Party Library

Formed in 1967, the Newsreel film collective was dedicated to chronicling and analyzing current events. By working directly with the Black Panthers, Newsreel was able to explore realities often ignored by traditional media outlets, while producing documents that the Panthers and other activists could use in organizing their own communities.

Who Killed Martin Luther King?

One shot and the voice of America's most enduring symbol of non-violent struggle is silenced. A stunned nation is left to wonder why and how. Now, for the first time on DVD, "Who Killed Martin Luther King?" confronts these questions for a new generation of America.

Why We Fight

Inspired by President Dwight Eisenhower's 1961 Farewell Address in which he warned Americans about the dangers of the "military-industrial complex."