



# Events of the 20th Century

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Eight 15-minute programs for grades 6–12  
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This series tackles a variety of complex issues from the horror of the Holocaust and the triumph of the Apollo XI moon landing to the lessons of Chernobyl. A brief teachers guide is available complete with major concepts of each program, pre-viewing activities, a glossary, discussion topics and student handouts.

**101: Apollo XI** - Through a captivating musical montage of graphics and archival film footage, viewers gain an overview of the mission from blast-off to splash down. Extensive insight is provided by Apollo XI astronaut Buzz Aldrin. As he shares his unique experiences, viewers gain a better understanding of this historical feat, and learn the importance of meeting a challenge. **SS 6.7**

**102: Chernobyl: Lessons Learned**  
This informative program provides viewers with a brief history of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl, and explains how its people continue to be affected to this day. Cancer specialist Dr. Robert Gale, a doctor who treated victims immediately after the disaster, revisits the area and some of his patients. **SS 6.8**

**103: JFK Assassination: Transfer of Power** – Over 30 years ago the assassination of President John F. Kennedy stunned the American people. Today, questions surrounding the murder still remain; this video explains the facts upon which many theories are based. Actual footage of the parade in Dallas reveals the shot fired on the grassy knoll and the immediate reactions of those surrounding the president. Was Lee Harvey Oswald the actual assassin? Did he act alone? Hear facts from a retired Secret Service agent and the Chief Justice of the United States

concerning the many theories and supposed conspiracies. **SS 6.7, 6.8, 11.17**

**104: Lessons of the Holocaust**  
This program examines the persecution of Jews in Nazi Germany, and demonstrates that the ideas and opinions of that time are still prevalent in our society today. As a Holocaust survivor tells her story, viewers learn that there were many lessons to be learned from this tragedy. **SS 6.7, 6.9, 6.11, 11.11, 11.13, 11.18**

**105: Martin Luther King: The Beginning of the Civil Rights Movement** – This program examines the Civil Rights Movement through the words of Dr. Martin Luther King. Excerpts of some of his most stirring speeches are put into context through the recollections of people who knew him best. **SS 6.7, 6.9, 6.11, 11.13, 11.14, 11.16, 11.17, 11.18**

**106: Return to Vietnam** – This informative program gives a history of the conflict in Vietnam: what led up to it, how the United States became involved, and what happened during the war, up until the North Vietnamese invasion of Saigon. We then join a high school teacher who was wounded as a soldier in Vietnam, as he returns to the site where he was injured. **SS 6.8, 6.11, 11.12, 11.14, 11.18**

**107: A Conversation with Rosa Parks** – It is hard to believe that one woman could start a movement that would change the course of a nation, but Rosa Parks did just that. To Mrs. Parks, December 1, 1955 was just like any other day until she refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white passenger. This action started a chain of events that would initiate a bus boycott, and eventually end segregation on public transportation. In the midst of it all, Martin Luther King took his first stand on the fight for equal rights of African Americans. **SS 6.7, 6.9, 6.11, 11.13, 11.14, 11.16, 11.17, 11.18**

**108: Return to Auschwitz**  
Auschwitz was the largest and most infamous of Adolf Hitler's death camps. Over fifty years ago, millions of people died at Auschwitz, simply because of their religion. This program revisits Auschwitz today with survivors and their families. Their experiences are something they can never forget. Finally, viewers learn the wide variety of emotions a Jewish teen experiences as she visits the death camp where her grandmother survived. Memories of this program will remain with viewers long after they have left the classroom. **SS 6.6, 6.7, 6.11, 11.11, 11.13, 11.18**