



PBS Teachers

AP Comparative Government & Politics Resources from PBS

Empires

<http://www.pbs.org/empires/>

This ground-breaking series of epic historical films presents the people and passions that have changed the world; Web sites include extensive background information; interactive timelines, maps, and galleries; and lesson plans. The following films in the series focus on the forms, foundations, and institutions of government:

- Egypt's Golden Empire
- The Greeks: Crucible of Civilization
- Napoleon
- Queen Victoria's Empire
- The Roman Empire in the First Century

FRONTLINE

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/>

American public television's flagship public affairs program offers a wide variety of resources pertaining to these themes. In addition to streaming video of full programs, the Web site provides extensive background information, transcripts, and lesson plans. The following list of program titles is a sampling:

- Battle for the Holy Land
- China in the Red
- House of Saud (Saudi Arabia)
- Kim's Nuclear Gamble (North Korea)
- Return of the Czar (Russia)
- Return of the Taliban (Afghanistan)
- The Tank Man (China)
- Terror and Tehran (Iran)

FRONTLINE/World

<http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/>

FRONTLINE/World is a national public TV series that turns its lens on the global community, covering countries and cultures rarely seen on American television. The Web site contains streaming video, background information, transcripts, educational interactives, and lesson plans. The following list of program titles is a sampling of stories on politics and government:

- Bolivia: On the Road with Evo; Leasing the Rain
- Brazil: Cutting the Wire
- Cambodia: Pol Pot's Shadow
- Colombia: The Pipeline War
- Congo: Hope on the Ballot
- France: The Precarious Generation
- Iran: Going Nuclear
- Iraq: Truth and Lies in Baghdad
- Liberia: No More War
- Libya: Out of the Shadow
- North Korea: Suspicious Minds
- Pakistan: Cold Comfort
- Russia: Island on the Edge
- Venezuela: A Nation on Edge
- Zimbabwe: Shadows and Lies

Global Connections

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/>

Global Connections is a series of Web sites created to help teachers, students, and the general public learn more about events around the world through readings, lesson plans, links, timelines, and maps. The current sites contain extensive information about government, politics, policy and economics.

Liberia
The Middle East

Independent Lens

<http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/international.html>

This series includes a number of documentaries that focus on governments around the world. The Web site includes interactive features, lesson plans and other resources to complement the films. Relevant titles include:

Afghanistan Unveiled
Black Gold (Ethiopia)
China Blue
Democracy on Deadline: The Global Struggle for an Independent Press
The Devil's Miner (Bolivia)
La Sierra (Colombia)
Motherland Afghanistan
Power Trip (Georgia)
Revolucion: Five Visions (Cuba)
Seoul Train (North Korea)
T-Shirt Travels (Zambia)
Thunder in Guyana
Vietnam: The Next Generation

P.O.V.

<http://www.pbs.org/pov/>

P.O.V. (a cinema term for “point of view”) is television’s longest-running showcase for independent non-fiction films; Web site offers background information and interviews, interactive features that allow viewers/users to share their views, and lesson plans. The following is a sampling of relevant programs:

Discovering Dominga (Guatemala)
The Fall of Fujimori (Peru)
Lost Boys of Sudan
My Country, My Country (Iraq)
No More Tears Sister (Sri Lanka)
Twelve Disciples of Nelson Mandela (South Africa)

Wide Angle

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/wideangle/>

Wide Angle is the only program exclusively dedicated to international current affairs documentaries; Web site contains streaming video clips, background briefings, images, discussion forums, interactive maps, and lesson plans. The following is a sampling of relevant programs:

Democracy in the Rough (Democratic Republic of Congo)
Future for Lebanon
Greetings from Grozny (Chechnya)
Hell of a Nation (Afghanistan)
Ladies First (Rwanda)
Road to Riches (South Africa)
The Saudi Question
Turkey's Tigers
Unfinished Country (Haiti)

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