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*Special Release Titles

The Glass Menagerie

Tennessee Williams' masterpiece 'The Glass Menagerie' is a prime example of the memory play in modern literature. In this programme hosted by Eli Wallach, former cast members and directors of 'Menagerie' discuss plot and thematic elements, the characterisation of some of theatre's most memorable and enduring dramatic figures, and the era in which the play was written. Commentary is provided by Ruby Dee, Olympia Dukakis, Julie Harris, and Molly Regan (Amanda); James Naughton (Jim, the Gentleman Caller); Eric Stoltz and Sam Waterston (Tom); Martha Plimpton (Laura); and directors Mark Brokaw and Austin Pendleton.

Running Time: 55 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21998D	£48.00

In A Wild Workshop: E. Bronte

This programme presents a wonderfully dramatic interweaving of the domestic lives of the highly literate Brontë family and representative selections from Wuthering Heights. Take a fascinating look at how a nurturing family environment can provide surroundings that turn a shy, reclusive young woman into a writer of immense imagination. Viewers will be fascinated by the strange relationships between fact and fiction.

Running Time: 29 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-07420R	£32.00

Info Seeker - Methods for Successful Research

This programme looks at what is involved in undertaking research for a topic. It uses a dramatised scenario where a senior secondary level boy, Nick, sets about planning and conducting a research project. He does this with a little help from 'Robbie the Roving Researcher', a website character who, despite his annoying tendencies, is a fount of knowledge on research. His teacher and friend Anna from school also play a part in helping Nick complete his assignment. The programme covers five sections - deciding on a topic; breaking down the elephant (narrowing down a broad topic); collecting data; analysing data; and writing a report. An underlying theme is the importance of brainstorming and using your own network - getting ideas and help from people around you in the process. Nick's research assignment involves 'Migrants in the Community', and coming from an Italian family, he finds plenty of data available close to home, as well as from the broader Italian community. The programme follows his progress from start to finish.

Running Time: 20 mins

Age Range: 14-19 Years

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21824R	£44.00

Making Your Presentation

Most students will be called on at some stage in their senior years of schooling to give a short presentation to their class - and for most teenagers this can prove to be a highly stressful and even frightening experience. This programme has been specially produced to help young people overcome their nerves and fears in going public, and instead prepare and make an entertaining and rewarding presentation to their peers. Using a fun narrative style, scenes shot in the classroom, and eye-catching computer graphics the programme follows the plight of Wendy; a Year 10 student who has just bombed out of her first ever class presentation. This lively and informative programme is 'must see television' for any young person facing the prospect of presenting their ideas to their classmates across most subject areas. It provides a wealth of tested ideas - commonly used in professional businesses; many of which can be adapted by teachers themselves to help 'spruce up' their own information presentations.

Running Time: 20 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21829R	£44.00

Racial Stereotypes In The Media

Although demeaning and offensive racial stereotypes were pervasive in popular media of every kind during the 20th century, most observers would agree that the media is much more sensitive to representations of race today. But the pernicious effects of that stereotyping live on in the new racism arising from disparities in the treatment of stories involving whites and people of colour in a ratings-driven news market, media-enhanced isolationism as a result of narrowcasting, and other sources. This programme examines the relationship between mass media and social constructions of race from political and economic perspectives while looking at the effects media can have on audiences.

Running Time: 42 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21997D	£44.00

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*Special Release Titles

A Raisin In The Sun

Hosted by Eli Wallach, this programme dissects Lorraine Hansberry's 'A Raisin in the Sun' through the sharp insights of cast, directors and Hansberry expert Lynn Domina, author of 'Understanding A Raisin in the Sun: A Student Casebook to Issues, Sources, and Historical Documents'. The first play to realistically portray the daily lives of a contemporary African-American family, 'Raisin' - a revolutionary work about race written during the civil rights era - makes the universal statement that dreams of a better future are important to everyone.

Running Time: 51 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21999D	£48.00

Search Me: Library and Web Research

This programme has been designed to guide students in their information search - whether they use a library, or head straight to the web. The programme follows the plight of Year 10 student Chloe, who gets some help from her older sister Annie - a university student - on how to devise a research plan to find exactly what she needs for her latest assignment. This programme helps students find the information they need in the best possible way. General audiences and public libraries users will also find this an invaluable and up to date reference to help them get the most from their next library visit.

Running Time: 22 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21834R	£32.00

Sexual Stereotypes In The Media

This programme illustrates some of the commercial, cultural, psychological, and sociological forces that have shaped sexual stereotypes in the media, such as demographic segmentation and the selling of gender, the myths of alluring femininity and rugged masculinity, Jungian personality archetypes, consensus reality, stereotype threat, the hegemonic forces of agenda-setting and mainstreaming, body image dysfunctions, and the theory of the male gaze.

Running Time: 38 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21996D	£44.00

Survey Savvy - Planning & Conducting a Successful Survey

This programme covers a basic framework for preparing, carrying out, and writing up a survey. The stages covered are: • Setting objectives • Choosing survey methodology • Selecting the sample • Designing an questionnaire and doing the survey • Analysing the data • Writing a report. Definitions and areas covered along the way include: • qualitative and quantitative research • various sampling methods - convenience, judgemental, quota, volunteer, random sampling and stratified random sampling • open and closed questions • and different types of survey responses for closed questions.

Running Time: 24 mins

Age Range: 14-19 Years

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21825R	£44.00

Communication Essentials Series

Talent, ambition, and great ideas won't amount to much if they're not supported by good communication. This four-part series helps students improve their communication skills in four critical areas: listening, speaking, writing, and reading. Viewers are challenged to improve their habits and aim for several concrete goals - such as the ability to actively participate in discussions and meetings, to craft effective messages in speech or text, to process and understand workplace communication, and more.

Communication Essentials Series - Complete Set of 4 programmes

Specially-priced complete set of 4 individual programmes in this series, providing a substantial saving when compared to the cost of purchasing at 'individual' rates. The set includes:- • Listening Essentials • Speaking Essentials • Writing Essentials • Reading Essentials

Running Time: 90 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD SET	002-22159D	£132.00

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Communication Essentials Series

Listening Essentials

Highlighting the idea that a major part of good communication is good listening, this programme enables students to improve their listening skills and absorb valuable information. The video identifies the best methods for giving co-workers the attention they deserve and provides eight simple tips that viewers can use to sharpen concentration. These include learning to focus, taking proper notes, putting emotions on hold, avoiding biases and stereotypes, finding a point of interest in a dull but important conversation, and more.

Running Time: 22 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22155D	£44.00

Reading Essentials

A torrent of e-mails, faxes, memos, reports, contracts, and newsletters threatens to drown the typical office worker in a sea of paper and text. With simple methods for tackling an immense volume of content, this programme helps students learn how to manage reading tasks quickly and efficiently without overlooking important information. Featured tips show viewers how to stay focused, prioritise reading matter, and create a comfortable reading environment - while making the best use of tables of contents, indexes, sub-headings, and more.

Running Time: 20 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22158D	£44.00

Speaking Essentials

Does giving a typical business presentation put a person in mortal danger? Of course not, but statistics suggest that many people dread public speaking more than they fear death. This programme shows students ways to overcome that kind of paralysis and transform it into positive energy. These include thorough preparation (from learning the wants and needs of the audience to scoping out the location at which the speech will take place) as well as starting with a strong 'opener', finding the right pace, using non-verbal communication, and more.

Running Time: 25 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22156D	£44.00

Writing Essentials

Students who've had a hard time with written assignments and essay questions may be shocked to learn how much their post-education world revolves around writing. This programme shows how effective written communication is possible for anyone, even those who struggle to complete a simple fax or e-mail. Methods for improvement include gauging the needs of the reader, keeping prose short and simple, emphasising benefits, avoiding jargon and overblown language, employing a confident yet respectful tone, and more.

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22157D	£44.00

Famous Authors Series

Some knowledge of a writer's life and family background, the political or social values of the time and, most importantly, some visual reference points, can add greatly to the pleasure we get from reading their books. 'Famous Authors' is a series of documentary biographies, using film, archive documents, portraits, music and commentary. Each programme presents not only a factual outline of the writer's life, but also conveys a clear visual picture of the social and historical background to their writing. Each 35-minute (approx.) programme concludes with an 'Overview' summarising the author's work.

Jane Austen (1775-1817)

Like most women of her time Jane Austen lived out her life on home ground. Her adventurous brothers, however, travelled widely and through them she was very much in touch with her age. Coupling this with her own remarkable personality, she produced some of the finest novels in English literature. Several of her novels such as *Sense and Sensibility* and *Mansfield Park* have recently been made into successful films. The programme explores her life and times.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20707R	£28.00

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Famous Authors Series

William Blake (1757-1827)

William Blake was born the son of a hosier in the then respectable district of Soho in London. He had no formal education but was taught by his mother. He was a voracious reader and as a boy he drew constantly. He studied at an art school and learned the trade of engraving by which he lived. His painting and poetry were valued by a few friends but he died in poverty. His mystical poetry and paintings (he wrote the hymn 'Jerusalem' and 'Tyger Tyger burning bright') have inspired generations since. The programme explores his life and times.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20708R	£28.00

The Bronte Sisters: Emily, Anne & Charlotte

The three Bronte sisters - Charlotte (b. 1816) Emily (b. 1818) and Anne (b. 1810) - were all born in the village of Thornton in Yorkshire. They spent most of their lives not far away at Haworth where their father was vicar. They were largely educated at home. All three achieved their goal of becoming successful novelists. The programme explores their lives and times.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20709R	£28.00

Robert Burns (1759-1796)

Robert Burns was born into a poor family in the little town of Alloway on the west coast of Scotland. His youth was spent working on his father's farm. He began to write poetry and by the age of twenty six had enough to publish. His book of poems was an instant success and he went to Edinburgh and was lionised by the literary folk as a ploughman poet. His work is world famous and his version of Auld Lang Syne is sung everywhere. The programme tells of his hard but astonishing life and gives some examples of his poetry. It is followed by a brief overview of his poems and songs.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20710R	£28.00

Confucius (551 -479bc)

Confucius was not exactly an author in the way that other writers in the series are. His ideas however, expressed in his Analects (reported sayings), have been the backbone of the Chinese psyche ever since he uttered them. He was very concerned that people should read history and poetry, with the result that the Chinese for most of their existence have been the most literate society on earth. The well-read man has always been considered at the pinnacle of society. This DVD tells what is known of his life and gives an introduction to his ideas and his importance in Chinese life. It is followed by an overview with leads to books he had a hand in, or that will help to understand him.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22186R	£28.00

Daniel Defoe (1660-1731)

Daniel Foe was born in Cripplegate, London, the son of a tallow chandler. He began working as a journalist as well as being a secret agent for the government. He travelled widely and in his later years successfully published many works of fiction including Robinson Crusoe. He died in poverty in London in 1731. The programme traces his turbulent life.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

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DVD	002-20711R	£28.00

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Famous Authors Series

Charles Dickens (1812-1870)

Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth. His father had a government job in the naval dockyard. The family later moved to Chatham and London but slowly slid into poverty. Dickens ended up working in a factory at the age of twelve. He took up journalism then had an immediate success as a novelist when he was only 24. The programme traces his extraordinary life.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20712R	£28.00

Emily Dickinson (1830 - 1886)

By any standards a remarkable poet, the fact that she lived in an age when poets were supposed to be men and any ideas contrary to the norm were outrages in the eyes of society, Emily Dickinson's work is astonishing. The film traces her life in 19th Century New England and shows how her talent has gained her a place as one of the best loved of American poets. The DVD covers her life and background and ends with an overview of her work.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22187R	£28.00

George Eliot (1819-1880)

George Eliot was born Mary Anne Evans near the small town of Nuneaton in Warwickshire. Her father ran the estate of the local landowner. She had an excellent education in local schools and took up journalism. She began writing novels when she was over 30 and became one of the most celebrated and influential writers of her age. The programme traces the fascinating course of her life as one of the first women to carve an independent career for herself.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20713R	£28.00

William Faulkner (1897-1962)

Faulkner was born in New Albany, Mississippi. His family was prosperous and well known in the area. When he was five they moved to nearby Oxford which was to be his base and his inspiration for the rest of his life. He had a rather intermittent school and university education, published his first novel in 1928 and went on to build a solid and soon international reputation, receiving the Nobel Prize for literature in 1949.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20727R	£28.00

Scott Fitzgerald (1896-1940)

Scott Fitzgerald was born in St Paul, Minnesota, into a fairly well-off family. He began his first novel whilst at Princeton University and, shortly after leaving, it was accepted by Scribners and successfully published. He went on to be the prophet of the Jazz age of the twenties, but his popularity declined and he died in poverty and near obscurity. He is now recognised as one of the greatest American writers of the 20th century. The programme follows his fascinating but turbulent life.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20728R	£28.00

J W von Goethe (1749 - 1832)

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe was born in Frankfurt on Main, Germany, into a well-to-do family. He made some attempts to become a lawyer but eventually began writing poetry and novels. He was immediately successful. He joined the court of the Duke of Weimar and from there became accepted as the greatest writer of his age. The DVD covers his life and background and ends with an overview of his work.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

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DVD	002-22188R	£28.00

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Famous Authors Series

Thomas Hardy (1840-1928)

Hardy was born near Dorchester in Dorset. His father was a stonemason. He was educated at local schools and trained as an architect, before moving to London to further his career. He wrote his first novel when he was thirty one and went on to have huge success. In later years he gave up novel writing for poetry. The programme traces his long and fascinating career.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20714R	£28.00

Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961)

Ernest Hemingway was born in Oak Park, a wealthy suburb of Chicago. He became a reporter on the Kansas City Star at the age of 18, then went to Italy to serve for a few months in the war as an ambulance driver. His first novel was published in 1926 and he achieved tremendous popularity almost at once. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1954. The programme traces his turbulent life, the basis for much of his work, until his eventual suicide.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20729R	£28.00

Victor Hugo (1803 - 1885)

Victor Hugo was born the son of a General under Napoleon Bonaparte. At an early age he began writing and his career as a poet, playwright, novelist and even politician has rarely been equalled. His fearless stance for the rights of the common man endeared him to the French people but caused governments to drive him into exile. He lived for nineteen years in the English channel islands. The DVD covers his life and background and ends with an overview of his work.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22189R	£28.00

Henrik Ibsen (1828 - 1906)

Henrik Ibsen was born in the small coastal town of Skien in Norway. His family were Middle class burghers. He worked as an apprentice to an apothecary before going to Oslo to study. He began writing plays which found little favour in Norway. He lived and wrote for about 30 years in Italy and Germany and became recognised worldwide as the greatest dramatist of his age and the Father of modern drama. The video traces his life and is followed by a brief overview of his works.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22190R	£28.00

Henry James (1843-1916)

Henry James was born in New York. His parents were wealthy and his father a learned man with literary friends. James was educated in Europe and at Harvard University, and his first major novel was published when he was 32. He lived most of his adult life in England, where he was awarded the Order of Merit shortly before his death in 1916. The programme traces the life of this gentle but fascinating man.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20730R	£28.00

Dr Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

Johnson was born in the town of Lichfield in the English Midlands. His father was a bookseller whose business was gradually failing. Johnson was educated at Lichfield Grammar School and from his earliest days was extremely bright academically whilst, at the same time, being extremely lazy. He was scarred by scrofula, partially deaf and blind in one eye. His greatest work was the first fully comprehensive dictionary of the English language. He was equally famous for his brilliant conversation. The programme traces his eventful life.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

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DVD	002-20715R	£28.00

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Famous Authors Series

James Joyce 1882-1941

James Joyce was born in Dublin. He was sent first to a Jesuit school called Clongowes, but had to leave after three years because his father could no longer afford the fees. He went to another Jesuit school in Dublin and then to University College there, before moving to Paris in 1902 and rarely returning to Ireland. His writing was difficult to publish but he became one of the most important and influential writers of the twentieth century. The programme traces his interesting life.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20716R	£28.00

Franz Kafka (1883 - 1924)

Franz Kafka was born in Prague, still under the Austro-Hungarian Empire. He was well educated and from an early age he determined to become a writer. He worked in an insurance company and in his ample free time wrote a number of remarkable novels and short stories. His heroes are all struggling to find themselves against a background of the totalitarian state or tribe or religion, and his name has become synonymous with the idea of modern man and his struggle to maintain his individuality. The video traces his life and is followed by a brief overview of his works.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22191R	£28.00

John Keats (1795-1821)

John Keats was born in London, where his parents ran a livery stable. Orphaned at fourteen he was apprenticed to an Apothecary. He began to write poetry however, living off a meagre inheritance. After making a remarkable impression on a number of friends he died of tuberculosis aged only 25, leaving a body of poetry which was to astonish the world.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20717R	£28.00

D H Lawrence (1885-1930)

Lawrence was born in Eastwood, Nottinghamshire. His father was a coal miner and his mother a schoolteacher. He went to Nottingham University College, before beginning a teaching career in London and, in 1912, becoming a full time writer. He went off with the aristocratic German wife of his professor at Nottingham, and, after a turbulent but ultimately successful career, he died of tuberculosis when he was forty-five. The programme follows his fascinating life.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20718R	£28.00

Proust, Marcel (1871 - 1922)

Proust was born the son of a wealthy Parisian doctor and had an easy entry into the higher echelons of French society. His knowledge of this world was the background to the astonishing series of novels called A La Recherche du Temps Perdu (Remembrance of Things Past). He did not have an early success but by the end of his life it was recognised that his work - sensitive, searching, amusing and amazingly perceptive about how humans work - was in a class of its own. The DVD traces his unusual life and ends with an overview of his works.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22192R	£28.00

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Famous Authors Series

Herman Melville (1819-1891)

Melville was born in New York. His father was a prosperous businessman, but the economic climate changed and the business failed. The family moved to his mother's home in New Albany and he went to Albany Academy. At twenty he went to sea and returned to write very popular books about his adventures. His success, however, did not last and he died in obscurity. His work was rediscovered in the early 20th century.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20731R	£28.00

Eugene O'Neill (1888-1953)

O'Neill spent his youth rebelling against almost everything, before finally settling down to become America's first serious dramatist of international stature. He won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1936. The programme charts his interesting life.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20732R	£28.00

George Orwell (1903-1950)

Orwell was born in India. He was educated at Eton College and, in 1922, went out to Burma as a police officer. He returned to England in 1927, determined to be a writer, before departing again in 1936 to join the civil war in Spain. He later worked for the BBC and The Observer. Just as he was becoming successful he died of tuberculosis. The programme follows his interesting life.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20719R	£28.00

Edgar Allen Poe (1809-1849)

Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston, the son of actors David and Elizabeth Poe. His father disappeared when he was three and his mother died a year later. He was adopted by a Richmond, Virginia, family called Allan, who would later disown him at age 17. He was determined to be a writer and, through many difficulties, he succeeded in becoming one of the first great imaginative writers in the United States.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20733R	£28.00

Sir Walter Scott (1772-1832)

Scott was born in Edinburgh, where his father was a successful lawyer. In childhood he contracted polio which lamed him for life. He was a not very successful pupil at Edinburgh High School, although went to the university to qualify as a lawyer. Writing poetry and novels soon became the activity for which he became world famous. He died in his beloved home of Abbotsford in the Scottish Borders in 1832.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20720R	£28.00

William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

Shakespeare was born in the country town of Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire. Educated at the local grammar school, he went to London in 1588 to begin a life in the theatre. He was immensely successful and he is now recognised as the greatest dramatist of all time.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20721R	£28.00

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Famous Authors Series

George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

Shaw was born into a protestant family in Catholic Dublin, where his family was slowly sliding down the social ladder. He left school at age 15 to work as a clerk, before moving to London at 23 to become a writer. Blessed with a brilliant wit and a capacity for hard work, he became the most prominent dramatist of his age.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20722R	£28.00

Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822)

Shelley was born in a house in Surrey on the estate of his grandfather Sir Bysshe Shelley. He was educated at Syon House Academy in London and at Eton. In 1810 he went to University College Oxford and published his first poems, before being expelled. Shelley then lived variously in England and in Italy, where he died in a sailing accident off Leghorn in 1822 when he was 30.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20723R	£28.00

John Steinbeck (1902-1962)

John Steinbeck was born in Salinas, California. He studied literature at Stanford University, and published his first novel when he was 27. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1962.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20734R	£28.00

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)

Stevenson was born in Edinburgh, the only child of middle class parents. He went to the University of Edinburgh and took a law degree, but, in spite of his parents' opposition and a lifetime of poor health, he was intent on being a writer. Early success followed, and, upon his death, he was celebrated the world over. The programme covers the course of his short life and is followed by an overview of his work.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20724R	£28.00

Jonathan Swift (1667-1745)

A biography of the writer using paintings, and archive material. Jonathan Swift was born in 1667 in Dublin. Following the death of his father he was brought up by his uncle. Later in his life he worked for the English Government and was seen by many as a leader in the struggle against English domination. Major works include Gulliver's Travels.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21982R	£28.00

Mark Twain (1835-1910)

Mark Twain was born Samuel Langhorne Clemens in the small town of Florida, Missouri. When he was four, his parents moved the family to Hannibal, a larger town not far away on the banks of the Mississippi river. There he had an idyllic childhood, which was to form the basis of some of his later novels. He began life as a river pilot, then became a gold prospector, before finally starting writing under the name Mark Twain and achieving immense success.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20735R	£28.00

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Famous Authors Series

Voltaire (1675 - 1788)

Voltaire was born the son of a prominent lawyer and from his earliest days showed a precocious literary talent. He wrote plays and novels and historical and philosophical works his outspokenness constantly landed him in trouble with the authorities. He became the leading liberal voice of the French Enlightenment and he has had a worldwide influence ever since. The DVD traces his fascinating life and ends with an overview of his works.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22193R	£28.00

Walt Whitman (1819-1892)

The poet Walt Whitman was born in a small village in Long Island, New York State. When he was young the family moved to Brooklyn, where he received a modest education and, later, began work as a typesetter. He published his most famous book of poems - 'Leaves of Grass' - in 1855 and, gradually, his reputation grew. When he died, in New Jersey, he was already recognised as one of the outstanding voices of the American spirit.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20736R	£28.00

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

Oscar Wilde was certainly one of the most brilliant writers of comedy for the English stage. The tale of his tragic downfall caused by the society of his time condemning his private sexual life has generally overshadowed the importance of his work. The film follows his early career and attempts to regain the balance between tragic figure and artist.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21984R	£28.00

Virginia Woolf (1882-1941)

Virginia Woolf was born in London. Her father was Leslie Stephen, a writer and literary editor. She was educated privately and, in 1912, married Leonard Woolf. He encouraged her to write, through which she had considerable success as a novelist, and they began their own publishing house called the Hogarth Press. She took her own life in 1941.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20725R	£28.00

William Wordsworth (1770-1850)

Wordsworth was born in Cockermouth in the Lake District, where his father ran the estate of a local landowner, and the family lived in a large and comfortable house. He was well educated at the grammar school in nearby Hawkshead, before going to St John's College Cambridge in 1797. He lived most of his life in his beloved Lake District, enjoying the fame he achieved as the greatest poet of the romantic age.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20726R	£28.00

W B Yeats (1865 - 1939)

William Butler Yeats was born in Dublin. His father was a successful artist and from an early age Yeats determined to be and was soon accepted as a poet. On the London literary scene he was a leading light and in Dublin was instrumental in setting up an Irish Theatre. He became the recognised poet of the Irish struggle for freedom and ended his long life as a senator and venerated patriarch of the new state. The DVD traces his life and ends with an overview of his works.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22194R	£28.00

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Famous Authors Series

Emile Zola (1840 - 1902)

Zola was born the son of an Italian engineer. He early determined to be a writer and via work with the publishing firm Hachette, he began writing the many realistic novels with which he made his mark. His work was very popular with a wide audience and he was seen as a champion of democracy and the people. He was exiled for the stance he took against the government at the Dreyfus trial. The DVD traces his successful and industrious life and ends with an overview of his works.

Running Time: 35 mins

Age Range: 11 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22195R	£28.00

Front Row Centre Series

In Front Row Centre, students will meet famous guest artists along with lesser known performers; they will go back stage, be on stage, and sit in the audience. Each programme focuses on a different aspect of the performing arts by featuring professionals demonstrating their skills. Front Row Centre will help students develop an appreciation of the performing arts, explore their own creativity and interest in the arts, and understand the training an artist must have.

Front Row Centre - Complete Series of 6 Programmes

Specially-priced complete set of all 6 individual programmes in this series, offering a substantial saving when compared to the cost of purchasing at 'individual' rates. The set includes:- • From Man To Monster (08183) • From Page To Performance: John Lennon and Me (08191) • Lord What Fools These Mortals Be (08192) • Lost In The Shuffle (08182) • The Songwriter: George David Weiss (08193) • The Storytellers (08181)

Running Time: 90 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD SET	002-21284R	£144.00

From Man To Monster

Makeup artist David Compton transforms an actor into Frankenstein's monster! Students can observe the process of application at close range, and will gain an understanding of the importance of stage makeup as a key element of theatrical design. Scenes from a play based on Mary Shelley's novel 'Frankenstein' are performed in the studio.

Running Time: 15 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-08183R	£32.00

From Page To Performance: John Lennon and Me

Playwright Cherie Bennett talks about her inspiration for, and the process of writing, her play 'John Lennon and Me'. The story takes place in Heart House, a home for terminally ill children; Star and Courtney learn to be honest with each other and become friends whilst facing serious illness. Students will understand how Bennett learned about cystic fibrosis and why she was inspired to write a play about young people with the disease. Three actresses perform scenes from the play to provide additional understanding.

Running Time: 15 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-08191R	£32.00

Lord What Fools These Mortals Be

Three professional actors demonstrate the role of clowns and fools in Shakespeare's day by using monologues and scenes from 'Two Gentlemen of Verona', 'Macbeth', and 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Students will learn that the clown or fool in Shakespeare's plays functioned as comic relief and provided services such as collecting the money before the performance, gathering the crowd, and between-act entertainment.

Running Time: 15 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-08192R	£32.00

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Front Row Centre Series

Lost In The Shuffle

In this programme the roots of modern dance are traced back with a look at African Tribal Dance, buck dancing (a freestyle flat-footed rhythm dance that is a mixture of Irish Jig and Lancashire Clog) and modern tap. Students will learn how dance styles originating in Europe and Africa blended together in the United States to create a new style of dance called tap.

Running Time: 15 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-08182R	£32.00

The Songwriter: George David Weiss

In this programme students will learn how George David Weiss became a songwriter and will become familiar with some of his music (including 'What A Wonderful World' and 'Can't Help Falling In Love With You'). They will see how a lyric can inspire a melody as George improvises on the spot and composes a melody inspired by lines of poetry.

Running Time: 15 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-08193R	£32.00

The Storytellers

Professional storytellers Nan Gurley and Henry Arnold demonstrate the art of storytelling for children. Using example stories 'The Bremen Town Musicians', 'Master Of All Masters' and an excerpt from a miracle play based on the gospel of John, the programme will make students more aware of the art of storytelling and encourage them to try it for themselves.

Running Time: 15 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-08181R	£32.00

Great Russian Writers Series

Biographical drama documentaries on the lives of: Alexander Pushkin, Fyodor Dostoevsky, Anton Chekhov, Leo Tolstoy, Maxim Gorky, Alexander Blok, Boris Pasternak and Vladimir Mayakovsky

Great Russian Writers - Complete Series of 8 Programmes

Specially-priced complete set of all 8 individual programmes in this series, offering a substantial saving when compared to the cost of purchasing at 'individual' rates. The set includes:- • Alexander Blok (1880-1921) (20981) • Anton Chekhov (1860-1904) (20312) • Fyodor Dostoevsky (1821-1881) (20313) • Maxim Gorky (1868-1936) (20314) • Alexander Pushkin (1799-1837) (20028) • Leo Tolstoy (1826-1910) (20334) • Boris Pasternak (1890-1960) (21858) • Vladimir Mayakovsky (1893-1930) (21859)

Running Time: 240 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD SET	002-21292R	£216.00

Alexander Blok (1880-1921)

Alexander Alexandrovich Blok was 18 and a university student in St. Petersburg when he started seriously writing poetry. His first collection, 'Songs about the Lady Fair' in which ideal womanhood embodied his vision of truth, was published in 1904. Blok's father was a university professor, his mother a translator; they separated soon after his birth, and Blok was raised by his maternal grandparents. Often called the last romantic of Russian poetry, his work is lyrical, musically rhythmic and psychologically tense. Blok's works include the romantic verse drama 'The Rose and the Cross' and his final piece - 'The Scythians' - which is a poem about Russia and the West. In 1903 Blok married the daughter of the famous chemist Dimitri Mendeleev. The poet welcomed the 1917 Russian revolution, but soon became disillusioned and was among the suffering millions through the hard times that plagued the Soviet Union's early years.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20981R	£36.00

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Great Russian Writers Series

Anton Chekhov (1860-1904)

Anton Pavlovich Chekhov's four great plays - 'The Seagull', 'Uncle Vanya', 'Three Sisters' and 'The Cherry Orchard' - are staples of both repertory and commercial stages the world over. But it began differently. Chekhov first qualified as a doctor of medicine, and, as a pre-med student, also began writing for magazines, which in time led to an interest in writing for the theatre. Early efforts flopped, and for a time he gave up writing to concentrate on the practice of medicine, later resuming writing for the stage with 'The Seagull', which failed when first premiered in 1896, but which became an emphatic hit two years later via the Moscow Art Theatre. Chekhov's plays are shrewdly observant studies of human foible and frailty; they are compassionate in their characterisations but also clear-sighted and tough. He also tried his hand at novels, but soon decided it was the wrong format for him, although he wrote many well-regarded short stories, deemed especially good in the way they convey a character's thoughts and feelings, with 'The Lady With a Lapdog' arguably the best of these. Chekhov was born in Russia's south to a father whose business went bankrupt. In 1901, aged 41, he married an actress, Olga Knipper, and in mid-1904 - six months after the first performance of 'The Cherry Orchard' - died of tuberculosis.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20312R	£36.00

Fyodor Dostoevsky (1821-1881)

Second only to Leo Tolstoy as Russia's most influential writer, Dostoevsky's reputation rests securely on a quartet of four dark brooding novels - 'Crime & Punishment', 'The Idiot', 'The Devils' and 'The Brothers Karamazov'. Often reminiscent of Charles Dickens, his narrative deals with the poverty and suffering in 19th Century Russia. Dostoevsky was born in Moscow, the second of seven sons of a physician who would be murdered by serfs two years after the death of the boys' mother. He was educated first at boarding school, then at military engineering college. His first literary effort - a short story entitled 'Poor Folk' and published in 1846 - was well received, but his career was interrupted three years later when he was arrested for participation in a radical discussion group. Four years hard labour in a Siberian camp followed, which led him to write 'The House of the Dead'. A low period occurred when both his wife and a brother died in the same year, and he also faced a pile of gambling debts, although things looked up in 1867 when he married his secretary. Dostoevsky's novels explore the extremes of existence - physical, psychological and spiritual.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20313R	£36.00

Maxim Gorky (1868-1936)

Born Aleksie Maksimovich Peshkov, he was orphaned at an early age and, after only a few months of schooling, dropped out and became a drifter. From the age of 12 he held a variety of odd jobs, until in 1891, while working on a construction site, he published his first story under the pen name of Maxim Gorky, which launched his career as a writer, journalist and dramatist. His best-known play is 'The Lower Depths', a portrayal of Russian society's low-lifers and dead-enders. By critical consent, the best of his literary work draws directly on his personal experience, especially his early, nomadic years in the Volga region, where he was born in the town since renamed after him. This programme includes original footage of Gorky.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20314R	£36.00

Vladimir Mayakovsky (1893-1930)

Aligned with the Futurist movement in early 20th-century Russia, poet Vladimir Mayakovsky became recognized as one of its most prominent interpreters. Rejected for service during World War I and frequently criticized for his activism, the Cossack-Georgian artist took his own life in 1930, leaving behind a unique and little-known legacy of poetic thought, which is explored in this documentary.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD SET	002-21859R	£36.00

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Great Russian Writers Series

Boris Pasternak (1890-1960)

Despite his international renown for penning the epic novel "Doctor Zhivago," Boris Pasternak is recognized in his Russian homeland more for his influential collection of poetry, published in 1917 under the title "My Sister Life." The Russian author--who once famously turned down the Nobel Prize for Literature--is profiled in this engrossing documentary.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD SET	002-21858R	£36.00

Alexander Pushkin (1799-1837)

Pushkin provided a literary heritage for Russians, whose native language had hitherto been considered unfit for literature. He was also a versatile writer of great vigour and optimism who understood the many facets of the Russian character. His lyric poetry and his simple, vivid prose were invaluable models for the writers who followed him.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20028R	£36.00

Leo Tolstoy (1826-1910)

Born to an aristocratic and well-off family (his father was a count, his mother a princess), Count Leo Nikolayevich Tolstoy is commonly regarded as the most towering of Russia's literary legends, the consummate master of the psychological novel. His magnum opus, 'War and Peace', an epic of Russia's struggle to vanquish the aggressor Napoleon, took six years to write and is deemed by many critics to be the greatest novel yet published. His other masterpiece, of course, is 'Anna Karenina'. Towards the end of his long life, he was hailed as the 'conscience of humanity'. His privileged life led to a period in young manhood of aimlessness and dissolution. For a time he played at being a gentleman farmer, then joined an army artillery regiment. There he began writing, a career that would explore in compelling dramatic depth the great issues of morality and ethics, of human existence. In middle-age, married and with a huge estate, he began to sire a family that grew to 13 children - an interesting number since he himself was one of 13 children. A worsening history of domestic quarrelling led him to leave home at 82, but on his journey soon became ill and died of pneumonia. This programme contains actual footage of Tolstoy.

Running Time: 30 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20334R	£36.00

Look Again Series

All children want to make sense of the world around them: Their curiosity leads them to explore, to experiment, to imagine possibilities and to explain how the world works in their own terms. The beautiful images and thoughtful cinematography invite the viewer to share the wonder of two children as they investigate a variety of natural phenomena.

Between The Walls

What choices and responsibilities arise when people and animals live in close proximity? A girl discovers a mouse that lives between the walls of her home and solves a problem when it is threatened. Students can predict what she might do and observe how she solves the problem realistically and sensitively.

Running Time: 11 mins

Age Range: 5-11 Years

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-03910R	£28.00

Connections

The discovery of an animal skeleton in a riverbed stimulates a girl to imagine the many connections among the structures and functions of living creatures and machines. The video provides a springboard for exploring patterns and relationships among many elements of the environment.

Running Time: 10 mins

Age Range: 5-11 Years

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-03890R	£28.00

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Look Again Series

Journey Of The Blob

A boy disposes of a green 'blob' he has concocted, into a stream. By following the journey of the blob this short programme illustrates the water cycle and raises many questions about environmental responsibility. - Without narration.

Running Time: 9 mins

Age Range: 5-11 Years

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-03920R	£28.00

Night

What is about the night that stirs the imagination toward enchantment and mystery? A girl views the city at night from her balcony, wondering about the sights and sounds of her familiar world after dark. Several viewings will allow students to look again and experience the magic of night from different perspectives.

Running Time: 9 mins

Age Range: 5-11 Years

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-03940R	£28.00

Snowballs And Sandcastles

This short programme provides opportunities for students to examine their assumptions about winter and summer and to discuss the effects that changing seasons have on our everyday lives. - Without narration.

Running Time: 8 mins

Age Range: 5-11 Years

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-03900R	£28.00

Topsy - Turvey

In a young boy's dream world anything can happen - even magic. What magic is there in the child's world of fantasy? What magic is there in everyday things such as electricity and magnetism? Students of intermediate grades will want to discuss the scientific principles behind the impossible events and try their own "magic tricks" while younger children can make hypotheses about why some events cannot really happen.

Running Time: 9 mins

Age Range: 5-11 Years

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-03930R	£28.00

Research Skills For Students Series

Throughout their lives, successful people use information to make decisions, solve problems and communicate more effectively. This series helps students learn to navigate our complex, information-rich world through the development of critical research skills and the ability to access, evaluate and use information. This engaging and informational series includes skills such as how to focus and refine a research question, how to access information on the invisible Web, how to synthesise information throughout the research process and how to communicate new knowledge most effectively. Each programme encourages students to be critically aware of their sources, processes and products as they solve genuine research and information problems.

Research Skills For Students Series - Complete Set of 6 programmes

Specially-priced complete set of 6 individual programmes in this series, providing a substantial saving when compared to the cost of purchasing at 'individual' rates. The set includes:- • Avoiding Plagiarism • Evaluating Sources • Media Literacy • Organizing Research • Presenting & Communicating Research • Searching the Internet

Running Time: 138 mins

Age Range: 11-16 Years

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DVD SET	002-21915D	£144.00

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Research Skills For Students Series

Avoiding Plagiarism

Using someone else's words, ideas or artistic creations without acknowledgement is plagiarism - and whether it's deliberate or unintentional, it can have serious consequences. Plagiarism can be avoided by understanding how to organise time and research notes; quote, paraphrase and summarise information; and properly document and cite sources. By following these practices correctly, students not only steer clear of plagiarism but also achieve the academic integrity that comes with creating a successful project with their own thoughts and ideas.

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 11-16 Years

A Schlessinger Media Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21909D	£32.00

Evaluating Sources

Finding the right answers and best available research means knowing how to evaluate information. What are the author's credentials? Is he or she credible? Is the information accurate and relevant to the focus or question? Is the information up to date? At every stage of the research process, exploring these questions leads to sources that result in success. Mastering the skills of evaluation means a lifetime of having the best information for making decisions in today's information age.

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 11-16 Years

A Schlessinger Media Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21910D	£32.00

Media Literacy

We live in a world saturated with media: a constant stream of words, pictures and sounds, surrounding us every day and influencing our thoughts and actions. Media literacy is the ability to understand these messages and make informed decisions by learning to access, analyse, evaluate and even create various forms of media. By examining examples from the advertising, news, entertainment and political arenas, students will discover many techniques and motives behind media messages, and how to develop their own interpretations and opinions.

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 11-16 Years

A Schlessinger Media Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21911D	£32.00

Organising Research

A successful research project depends on evaluating, analysing and selecting information; developing and refining a thesis; and using quotes effectively to support an argument. The key to tying together solid sources, credible facts and supporting details into a cohesive and effective product is organisation. By understanding how to synthesise at every stage of the research process and maximise the use of graphic organisers, students will understand how to ultimately create a new set of ideas in their own voice.

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 11-16 Years

A Schlessinger Media Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21912D	£32.00

Presenting & Communicating Research

In every research project comes the moment of truth: the presentation. Whether presented orally, in print or via multimedia, all effective presentations possess thoughtful content, a solid structure and an appropriate format for the target audience. From research papers to persuasive speeches, preparing a presentation is a continuing process of analysing, evaluating and organising information - tailored and delivered in a way that makes the greatest impact on the audience.

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 11-16 Years

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Research Skills For Students Series

Searching the Internet

Successful Internet searching is strategic Internet searching - selecting the best methods and tools to find answers to our questions. Using both the free Web and the invisible Web, students will learn how to focus, strategise, refine and evaluate their research throughout the search process. From formulating a solid query to understanding when and how to best use search engines, metasearch engines, subject directories, portals and subscription databases, access to the world - or, at least, the World Wide Web - is within easy reach.

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 11-16 Years

A Schlessinger Media Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21914D	£32.00

Shakespeare Explorations With Patrick Stewart Series

Patrick Stewart, Capt. Jean-Luc Picard in television's Star Trek: The Next Generation, and one of the most experienced members of England's Royal Shakespeare Company, hosts this exciting approach to Shakespeare studies. The programmes in this series, produced by teachers who are Shakespearean experts, are intended to be used both before studying the plays (to give insight to the content) and afterwards to encourage further reading. The actors/actresses discuss some of the discoveries that have arisen through their work on a particular character or scene. The unique and vivid insights presented help students see how Shakespeare continues to be relevant to our understanding of the human condition.

Shakespeare Explorations With Patrick Stewart - Complete Series of 4 Programmes

PSS Synopsis Prod. 2 "Specially-priced complete set of all 4 individual programmes in this series, offering a substantial saving when compared to the cost of purchasing at 'individual' rates. The set includes:- • As You Like It: Rosalind & Celia (20148) • Hamlet: Claudius (20145) • Hamlet: Polonius (20147) • The Merchant Of Venice: Shylock (20293)"

Running Time: 96 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD SET	002-21383R	£108.00

As You Like It: Rosalind & Celia

Running Time: 20 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20148R	£36.00

Hamlet: Claudius

Running Time: 25 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20145R	£36.00

Hamlet: Polonius

Running Time: 24 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-20147R	£36.00

The Merchant Of Venice: Shylock

Running Time: 27 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

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DVD	002-20293R	£36.00

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Test-Taking Strategies For Students Series

Test-Taking Strategies for Students provides learners with straightforward strategies to help them become confident, effective test-takers. These programmes show students how to navigate through both standardised and teacher-made tests by helping them recognize the variety of test questions they'll encounter and then modelling different strategies that they can use to aid in the selection of the correct answer. Practical tips on improving test preparation, causes of anxiety and guidelines on how to achieve calm in test-taking situations are just a few of the important facts covered in this fascinating series. Using humorous scenarios and a whole lot of fun, this seven-part series provides students with a full complement of test-taking tools that can be used in any test-taking situation.

Test-Taking Strategies For Students Series - Complete Set of 7 Programmes

Specially-priced complete set of 7 individual programmes in this series, providing a substantial saving when compared to the cost of purchasing at 'individual' rates. The set includes:- • Answering Test Questions • Effective Note-Taking • Study Skills • Taking Essay Tests • Taking Math Tests • Taking Reading Comprehension Tests • Test Anxiety

Running Time: 161 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

A Schlessinger Media Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD SET	002-21923D	£168.00

Effective Note-Taking

The ability to take effective notes is a key component in the eternal quest for good grades. In Effective Note-Taking, students will learn about a variety of different note-taking methods, including the Cornell, Outlining, Mapping, Sentence and Charting methods. Students will also become familiar with the components of the lecture and learn how this knowledge can help them become more effective note-takers. In this programme, students will also learn about the importance of active listening in the note-taking process and which note-taking methods work best with individual learning styles. Humorous situations, along with a lively host, help to animate the topic.

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

A Schlessinger Media Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21917D	£32.00

Study Skills

Although studying may not be every student's favourite activity, it is an integral part of academic life. Effective study skills increase a student's chances of success on standardised and teacher-made tests. But what is the best way to study? In "Study Skills", students will actually learn what the cognitive elements of studying are as well as the most effective ways in which to prepare for tests. From creating a good study space to strategies for improving organisation, concentration, memory and reading comprehension, practical strategies for effective studying are modelled. Using a humorous, realistic approach along with a lively host, "Study Skills" helps students make the most of their study-time!

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

A Schlessinger Media Production

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DVD	002-21918D	£32.00

Taking Essay Tests

The essay exam, probably more than any other type of exam, strikes fear in the hearts and minds of many students. In Taking Essay Tests, students are provided with step-by-step strategies for navigating this often-tricky test. By learning how to identify different types of essay questions as well as recognising and understanding the action words that are embedded in test questions, students will learn how to apply specific strategies to particular types of essay questions. Students will also learn about the components of a well-written essay and practical tips on how best to prepare for an essay test, whether it is standardised or teacher-made. Humorous situations, along with a lively host, help take the fear out of the essay test.

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

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DVD	002-21919D	£32.00

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Test-Taking Strategies For Students Series

Taking Reading Comprehension Tests

Reading comprehension tests appear on nearly every type of test whether, it is standardised or teacher-made. In "Taking Reading Comprehension Tests", students will learn specific strategies for answering the literal, inferential and analytical questions that populate these types of tests. Students will be taken on a step-by step journey through both fiction and non-fiction passages in order to find main ideas, determine the author's purpose or point of view, distinguish fact from opinion, draw conclusions, sequence events, identify cause and effect, and locate details. Students will also learn how to analyse options on multiple-choice tests, and they will hear about the best ways in which to prepare for a reading comprehension test. Humorous situations and a lively host make this programme both enjoyable and informative.

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

A Schlessinger Media Production

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DVD	002-21921D	£32.00

Test Anxiety

Most students, at one time or another, have experienced varying degrees of test anxiety. For some students, the anxiety can be crippling, thereby making a test-taking situation unbearable. In Test Anxiety, students will learn the causes and symptoms of test anxiety, and will also be introduced to specific strategies that can help them overcome this unpleasant experience. Students will learn the role studying and preparing plays in alleviating test anxiety, and how to develop and maintain a positive mental state. Breathing exercises, progressive muscle relaxation techniques, creative visualisation and positive self-talk are all modelled for students. A sensitive approach combined with subtle humour and a lively host helps take the stress out of tests!

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

A Schlessinger Media Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-21922D	£32.00

Three Minutes, Please! Series

This delightful series of 20 short video-clips, each about three minutes long, presents situational and functional language in rich and varied contexts. Professional actors play-out meaningful sequences with purposes, goals and conflicts. The dialogues are quite simple to follow in relation to the action and are deliberately humorous and amusing. Jokes, puns, common idiomatic expressions and some regional accents are also included.

Three Minutes, Please! - Complete Series of 4 Programmes

Specially-priced complete set of all 4 individual programmes in this series together with accompanying printed scripts, offering a substantial saving when compared to the cost of purchasing at 'individual' rates. The set includes:- • Three Minutes, Please!: Parts 1-5 (10391) • Three Minutes, Please!: Parts 6-10 (10392) • Three Minutes, Please!: Parts 11-15 (10401) • Three Minutes, Please!: Parts 16-20 (10402)

Running Time: 78 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD SET	002-21409R	£108.00

Three Minutes, Please!: Parts 1-5

Part 1: At A Party - greetings, introductions, exchanging personal information. Part 2: Family - talking about one's family (personal pronouns). Part 3: Radio Interview - daily routine (frequency adverbs/present tense). Part 4: Desert Rats - asking, saying what someone is doing, spelling, music. Part 5: Supermarket - shopping, containers, how much? how many?

Running Time: 19 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-10391R	£36.00

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Three Minutes, Please! Series

Three Minutes, Please!: Parts 6-10

Part 6: Be a Good Sport - sports & games, equipment (present continuous). Part 7: Zapping - likes & dislikes, opinions, TV programmes (descriptive adjectives). Part 8: At A Restaurant - Ordering a meal, complaining, apologising, toasting. Part 9: New Clothes - clothing, expressing opinions (descriptive adjectives). Part 10: Stay Fit With Fiona - instructions, the body (imperatives).

Running Time: 18 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-10392R	£36.00

Three Minutes, Please!: Parts 11-15

Part 11: The Marriage-Go-Round - preferences, asking for/giving personal information. Part 12: A Ghost Story - narrating past events (simple past/introduction to past continuous). Part 13: A New Life - comparing, persuading, refusing. Part 14: Love Troubles - feelings, asking/saying what someone was doing (past continuous). Part 15: Computer Repair - making suggestions, vocabulary for computers, fax, email etc.

Running Time: 21 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-10401R	£36.00

Three Minutes, Please!: Parts 16-20

Part 16: Fear Of Flying - booking a flight, buying a ticket, checking in. Part 17: The Audition - talking about experience (present perfect), abilities. Part 18: Back to Nature - geographical terms, aches & pains (superlatives). Part 19: High Tech - Plans, inventions (future forms: -going to, will). Part 20: Bubbly Beverage - advertising, people (structures: - must/mustn't).

Running Time: 20 mins

Age Range: 14 Years-Adult

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-10402R	£36.00

Writing For Students Series

In **Writing for Students**, two lively hosts journey through the world of writing, uncovering the 'ins' and 'outs' of writing effectively and sharing real-world skills, tips and techniques along the way. Students in the midst of pre-writing, drafting, revising, editing or proofreading explain their own writing processes and how they tackle common dilemmas to communicate clearly through writing.

Writing For Students - Complete Set of 7 programmes

Specially-priced complete set of 7 individual programmes in this series, providing a substantial saving when compared to the cost of purchasing at 'individual' rates. The set includes:- • Creative & Narrative Writing • Editing & Proofreading • Using the Writing Process • Writing Effective Paragraphs • Writing Expository Essays • Writing for Formal & Informal Purposes • Writing Persuasive Essays

Running Time: 161 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

A Schlessinger Media Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD SET	002-22020D	£168.00

Creative & Narrative Writing

In 'Creative & Narrative Writing', young writers use tools and strategies that include character webs, outlines, dialogue, point of view, foreshadowing, flashbacks and descriptive and figurative language to develop and refine very different, distinct and compelling stories.

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

A Schlessinger Media Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22013D	£32.00

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Writing For Students Series

Editing & Proofreading

It's time to dot your i's, cross your t's and carefully re-read what you've written - in other words, it's time to edit and proofread! The conventions of writing, including grammar and mechanics, ensure that what is written accurately conveys what the writer intended to express. In 'Editing & Proofreading', student writers discover how grammar and punctuation can either clarify or cloud a piece of writing, whether it is a science report, a descriptive piece or even an email message. Writers detect and correct run-on sentences, fragments and comma splices, check subject-verb and noun-pronoun agreement, and identify misplaced modifiers. Students also discover how the tiniest of punctuation marks, such as commas and apostrophes, play a big role in moulding the meaning of writing.

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

A Schlessinger Media Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22014D	£32.00

Using the Writing Process

From an initial idea or purpose to a finished piece ready to be shared with an audience, the writing process is a winding and creative road. Every kind of writing and every kind of writer use the stages of the writing process, though not always in the same way or in the same order. In 'Using the Writing Process', student writers who compose pieces ranging from a travel brochure to a memoir visit and revisit stages of the writing process. They share their prewriting techniques of brainstorming, free-writing and journaling before delving into drafting. Re-reading and revising for content, structure and tone is carefully explained, and the importance of peer review is highlighted. And whether or not publishing is their objective, writers proofread and edit their pieces to ensure that their thoughts come across loud and clear!

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

A Schlessinger Media Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22015D	£32.00

Writing Effective Paragraphs

Paragraphs are the building blocks for any piece of writing. Every paragraph (and the sentences that comprise it) serves a different purpose in writing. In 'Writing Effective Paragraphs', writers, ranging from a sportswriter for a school newspaper to a student working on a research project, demonstrate the processes of developing a focused thesis statement as well as structuring and writing solid introductory, supporting and concluding paragraphs. The writers share how writing and revising with an eye towards unity and coherence improves a piece of work and reinforces paragraphs as effective tools for communicating ideas.

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

A Schlessinger Media Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22016D	£32.00

Writing Expository Essays

Whether it's a summary of a science experiment, a research paper about the War or a description of a favourite place, all expository writing explains something to the audience. 'Writing Expository Essays' presents the basics of expository writing, from composing the introduction and thesis statement to assembling body paragraphs to writing an effective conclusion. Student writers discuss the various ways they organise the body of expository essays, depending on purpose and audience, by using structural organisers such as the journalist's questions, strongest to weakest supporting evidence, sensory details, cause and effect, compare and contrast, chronological order or logical or spatial organisation. Incorporating quotations effectively to add colour to writing or to support ideas with an expert opinion is also highlighted.

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

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DVD	002-22017D	£32.00

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Writing For Students Series

Writing for Formal & Informal Purposes

Whether drafting a letter to the mayor or emailing a friend, writing is a lifelong skill used in a variety of situations. From informal writing (instant messages, online bulletin boards, friendly letters, etc.) to more formal writing (business letters, memos, résumés, meeting minutes, etc.) 'Writing for Formal & Informal Purposes' suggests strategies to help discern the appropriate tone for a piece of writing based on purpose and audience. Student writers, ranging from an avid young cyclist on a fundraising campaign for an upcoming school trip to a writer communicating with her fellow club members on the Internet, use formal and informal writing to accomplish their goals.

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

A Schlessinger Media Production

Format	Order Code	Price*
DVD	002-22018D	£32.00

Writing Persuasive Essays

Students in the midst of pre-writing, drafting, revising, editing or proofreading explain their own writing processes and how they tackle common dilemmas to communicate clearly through writing. Persuasive writing (writing that aims to convince readers to agree with a particular point of view) is virtually everywhere: in television advertisements, on the campaign trail and in editorials about controversial topics. In 'Writing Persuasive Essays', a young writer must compose a convincing speech to win his classmates' votes for student council, while another writer is challenged to research and write a supporting argument in favour of an issue that she feels strongly against. The students explore both the structure of persuasive essays as well as techniques for writing in a convincing way, including the use of compelling evidence to support an argument, appealing to an audience on a logical, emotional or ethical level, and effectively addressing counterarguments.

Running Time: 23 mins

Age Range: 11-19 Years

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