


Vermont Public Television Productions

– Local topics for classroom use –


America's First Victory

America's First Victory recalls the capture of Fort Ticonderoga by Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold. The events of May 10, 1775 are dramatically re-enacted and accompanied by narration, on-location scenes and shots of old maps, showing students the critical role this region played in the Revolutionary War. VHS

Barns: Legacy of Wood & Stone

A tour of some of Vermont's picturesque timber frame barns explores the history, construction and preservation of the beautifully crafted structures. Includes a rare view of an old-fashioned barn raising in Shelburne, a functioning 10-sided barn in Strafford and a visit to a grand Victorian-era farm in East Burke. ( available on VHS only). DVD

Birding in Vermont

Join host Bryan Pfeiffer, naturalist and lifelong birdwatcher, as he explores some of the best birding spots in Vermont. Whether you're new to this popular pastime or a seasoned birder, you'll enjoy the wonder of discovery and marvel at the lives of our avian friends.  DVD

Champlain: The Lake Between

In 1609, Frenchman Samuel de Champlain was the first European to travel the waters of the lake that now bears his name. The region had already been home to Native cultures for thousands of years. In re-enactments set against the lake's natural beauty and interviews with historians and culture bearers, this documentary commemorates the Champlain quadricentennial with little-known stories of the 150 years that followed. Trade alliances created both conflict and connections among Abenaki, Mohawk, French, English and Dutch people. Through the Colonial era, the region was central to the struggle for economic and military dominance in the U.S. and Canada. DVD

Changing Landscapes: Vermont's Past Century

The story of the 20th century in Vermont uses archival footage and interviews to follow the growth of Vermont from a rural state of small farms and villages to the Vermont of today. Among the highlights are the flood of 1927, the building of the Interstates, the growth of tourism and the increasing political rights and power of women. VHS and DVD



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The Crossroads Collection

Archival black and white footage, music, on-location footage, narration and interviews with contemporary Vermont personalities make up the 37 intriguing segments organized in separate themes for each tape. Tapes are \$24 each or the entire six-tape series for \$120. VHS

I. Lake Champlain

Fort Ti Ferry (1986)
Sail the Philadelphia (1992)
This Old Homestead
(Ferris Project) (1990)
Underwater Park (1989)
This Old Boat (Bateau) (1988)

II. Vermont History

First Ski Tow (1984)
Rutland, 1914 (1982)
Battle of Bennington (1983)
Past Partners (1991)
Samuel Morey (1984)
Isaac's House (1983)
Shelburne House (1987)
Conservators (1987)

III. Science and Nature

Nature Conservancy (1985)
Inventor (1984)
Eel'n (1984)
Holography (1989)
Timber Bridges (1989)
Raptors (1991)

IV. Sports

Boomerangs (1989)
Cricket (1991)
Dressage (1981)
Snowboarders (1992)
Catamount Trail (1985)


V. Around Vermont (Part One)

Ice Harvest (1986)
Auction (1985)
Woodcarver (1984)
Blasters (1990)
Fireworks (1985)
Hot Air Balloons (1990)
War Games (1991)


VI. Around Vermont (Part Two)

Gold Panning (1991)
Weathercasters (1989)
MG Man (1986)
Advanced Animation (1989)
Diners (1992)
Antique Motorcycles (1990)

Discovering Lake Champlain

This guide to Lake Champlain's rich living history in Vermont, New York and Quebec includes colonial re-enactments at Fort Ticonderoga; the ruins of the French and Indian War-era fort at Crown Point, N.Y.; the Battle of Plattsburgh Historic Trail; the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum in Ferrisburgh, Vt.; and Fort Lennox in Isle aux Noix, Quebec. Also included are a sailing canal boat, the new ECHO Center on the Burlington, Vt., waterfront and the unusual tale of Fort Blunder, Rouses Pt., N.Y. ( available on VHS only). VHS and DVD

Electra Havemeyer Webb: Out of the Ordinary

The Shelburne Museum is home to a collection that ranges from children's toys and duck decoys to quilts, weathervanes, barns and a lighthouse. All of this was the result of the creative imagination and incredible energy of one woman, Electra Havemeyer Webb. Hosted by Fritz Wetherbee, the program takes a look at the museum and the woman who taught Americans to appreciate folk art. ( available on VHS only). DVD

Emerging Science, Season I

This four-part series explores Vermont's involvement on the front lines of modern scientific research. Covered topics include: water quality, nanotechnology, remote sensing and climate change. DVD

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Emerging Science, Season II

The second season of this popular science show explores some of the innovative and intriguing work being carried on in Vermont's scientific community. Topics covered: energy, food webs, technology of social sciences, transportation and fresh water. DVD

The Final Voyage of the Ticonderoga

The story of the final overland journey of the steamboat Ticonderoga from Lake Champlain to the Shelburne Museum, and its painstaking restoration. (☐ available on VHS only). DVD

In Days Gone By: Vermont Country Ways

A portrait of rural Vermont life in the first part of the 20th century interweaves archival footage and photos with interviews of Vermonters who lived in the days before automobiles and electricity. DVD

Land for Learning

Includes the following two lessons on VHS:

Justin Morrill: Victorian Gentleman

Vermont Senator Justin Smith Morrill's fight for a system of higher education for working people is central to this story of the farmer from Strafford, Vt. As a Civil War-era U.S. senator, Morrill led the fight to create a practical higher education system in agriculture and engineering, available to more American men and women than ever before. This instructional program was produced in collaboration between VPT and the Regional Educational Television Network (RETN). 25 minutes.

Justin Morrill and America's Land-Grant Colleges and Universities

This program looks at Morrill's early years, his political career and motivation for creating the land-grant schools and the schools' rise to national importance. 60 minutes.

The Long Trail: A Footpath in the Wilderness

Chris McClure hikes Vermont's Long Trail end-to-end over the course of a year, discovering its beauty, history and hikers along the way. Highlights of the journey from the Massachusetts/Vermont state line to the Canadian border include the breathtaking views from Sunset Rock, a night's rest at Taft Lodge and the summits of Stratton Mt., Mt. Mansfield and Camels Hump. ☐ VHS and DVD

New England's Great River: Discovering the Connecticut

New England's longest river flows down the Vermont-New Hampshire border to southern New England and empties into Long Island Sound. Storyteller Willem Lange hosts a scenic, informative journey down this historic river.

The program visits historic sites and working towns in Connecticut and Massachusetts, as well as Bradford, Canaan, Newbury and Windsor, Vt.; and Hanover, Littleton, Charlestown, Piermont and Pittsburg, N.H. ☐ DVD

Noble Hearts: Civil War Vermont

A vivid portrait of Vermonters during the Civil War, both on the battlefield and the home front. Uses interviews, historic photos, re-enactments and letters to reveal the tremendous courage shown by soldiers in battle, their stalwart tolerance for poor rations and deadly illnesses, and the worry and uncertainty faced by those at home. ☐ DVD

Northern Railroads: Vermont and Her Neighbors

A nostalgic look at the age of steam in northern New England. Interviews with historians, townspeople and former railroaders combine with archival footage and beautiful old photographs to capture the spirit of the era. DVD

ReGeneration: The Art of Sustainable Living

ReGeneration is a showcase of cutting-edge sustainable living projects in Vermont. In these two half-hour, magazine-style programs, host Claude William Genest introduces you to some intriguing "bioneers" – Vermont business leaders, farmers and eco-designers who are pushing forward practical applications of sustainable living through groundbreaking green design and environmentally friendly business practices. Limited number of DVDs with Teacher Guide available. Teacher Guide always available at vpt.org. DVD

In episodes three and four host Claude William Genest offers up a home-based perspective, exploring what individual homeowners can do to become more eco-sensitive. DVD

TimeTraveler

TimeTraveler tells stories of days gone by on Lake Champlain, Vermont's largest lake. It takes you on a journey from pre-revolutionary days to modern times. VHS and DVD

Vermonters at War

In this compelling video, historic film footage illustrates the personal memories of those who lived through these turbulent times. ☐ VHS and DVD – \$24.95.

Vermont's Great Flood

Autumn, 1927 was exceptionally wet. In early November, a tropical storm stalled over Vermont, pouring torrential rain on the already saturated earth, resulting in the worst disaster ever faced by the state. This beautiful black and white documentary uses archival footage to tell the story of the great flood that destroyed farms, railroads, homes and highways across the state. ☐ VHS and DVD

A Visit to Vermont's Statehouse

Rob Michalak hosts this field trip to the Vermont Statehouse. Students will be introduced to its history, architecture, antiques and little-known facts, and explore some of its secret places. ☐ VHS

A Visit to Vermont's Supreme Court

Rob Michalak hosts this field trip to the Vermont Supreme Court in Montpelier. Students will investigate the workings of the court and argue an actual case before the judges. VHS