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13 20-30-min. Programs
Grades 7-12
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2. Yom Kippur War: 1973 — Explains that the Yom Kippur War began when Egypt and Syria invaded Israel on two fronts during the holiest day of the Jewish calendar.
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5. Lebanon War: 1982 — Explains that Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982 to establish its right to exist as a nation and as a reprisal for skirmishes with the PLO on Israel's northern borders. Live-action film footage.
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7. Origins of Modern Special Forces — The British Special Forces originated in World War II. The tradition was established for nations to train Special Forces to operate in small teams, each team member to be an expert paratrooper and at least one person to be an explosives expert. Historical film footage.
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8. Origins of Modern Terrorism — Provides a detailed introduction to the evolution of state-sponsored terrorism.
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9. Biochemical Weapons: A Modern Threat — Explains that biochemical weapons have existed since the 14th century and are difficult to control because they are produced from natural substances that are often readily available.

10. The Day the Towers Fell — Photojournalists, rescue workers, and eyewitnesses share their personal experiences of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.
Social Studies: WH II.16, VUS.13, VUS.15

11. America's Black Soldiers — Documents the story of African Americans' long struggle for the right to serve as equals in the U.S. military. Facing discrimination or out-

right hostility, Blacks nevertheless managed to serve honorably and often heroically.
Social Studies: USII.3, USII.4, USII.9, VUS.7, VUS.11, VUS.12, VUS.14

12. Japanese Americans & WWII: Going For Broke — After Pearl Harbor, the U.S. reluctantly allowed one unit of Japanese Americans already in the military to serve in Europe. As this program shows, Japanese Americans were eager to prove their loyalty to America.
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13. True Whispers: The Story of the Navajo Code Talkers — In the 19th century, the United States government forced the peaceful and spiritual Navajo nation off their homeland. After the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, their language became the United States' secret weapon. Now, their story is told through archival wartime footage and eloquent interviews with the Code Talkers.
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