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C-SPAN PROVIDES FREE LESSON PLANS TO SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON—C-SPAN, the cable satellite public affairs network, is offering free lesson plans to high school teachers who use the network's "Short Subject" programs in their classrooms.

"Short Subject" programs, which premiered August 22, are 10-minute educational vignettes that examine how government works and look at the personalities and issues that shape the news. The series airs each Tuesday morning at 1:00 am ET throughout the school year. In keeping with its public-service commitment, C-SPAN does not charge any fee for "Short Subjects."

The lesson plans, which are created by educators for educators, include suggestions and activities for incorporating the weekly programs into high school social studies classes.

According to Linda Heller, C-SPAN's Director of Educational Services, teachers are encouraged to set their video recorders to tape each week's "Short Subject" and work the programs into their classes when appropriate. Lesson plans can be adapted for use at a variety of levels and courses.

Interested teachers may contact C-SPAN's Department of Educational Services to receive free weekly lesson plans throughout the school year and updated schedule information on "Short Subject."

"Short Subject" is one of the educational services available through "C-SPAN in the Classroom," a free membership service designed to help college and high school teachers use C-SPAN as a learning resource.

"C-SPAN in the Classroom" members now number more than 4000. In addition to weekly "Short Subject" programs, members receive free teaching materials, advance schedule information, and other free services that support the use of C-SPAN. Members are urged to take advantage of the network's liberal copyright policy for schools that allows free use of all C-SPAN programming for educational purposes.