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## February Ideas



**DIGITAL VIDEO ON-DEMAND**

### GRADE RANGES

The grade ranges listed for the videos are just a general guideline. If you are interested in using a video in your classroom, we would recommend that you preview it first to decide if it is appropriate for your classroom. We encourage you to never show a video that you have not previewed yourself! Remember, just because a video grade range doesn't include your particular grade, your students might still be able to benefit from it. No one knows your classroom and your students better than you do—the best judge of what is right for your class is YOU!

### HOW TO ENROLL

**To enroll as a new user:**  
Call Discovery Education at 1-800-323-9084 and ask for support for Alabama schools for unitedstreaming. They will provide you with a passcode that will enable you to enroll. After you have received your passcode, log on to [APTPLUS.org](http://APTPLUS.org), click on "Existing User" next to Unitedstreaming, type the passcode into the appropriate boxes (bottom right) and follow the prompts to create a user name and password. When you have completed the enrollment process, your user name and password will provide future entry into the service.

**To retrieve forgotten user name and/or password:**  
Call unitedstreaming at 1-800-323-9084 and ask for support for Alabama schools. Tell Christy or Matt your situation and they can provide you with your User Name and they can email your password to you.

### Black History

Video Title	Suggested Grades	Video Title	Suggested Grades
Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Alabama Experience: Tuskegee: Living Black and White	4 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>
American History: Abolishing Slavery in America	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Discovering History: 20 <sup>th</sup> -Century Biographies: Sports	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>
Free at Last	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Underground Railroad	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>
Civil Rights: The Long Road to Equality	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Underground Railroad, The: Escape from Slavery	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>
Africa: The People	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Animated Hero Classics: Harriet Tubman	K-5 <sup>th</sup>
Dear America: Picture of Freedom	3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Akimba and the Magic Cow: An African Folktale	K-2 <sup>nd</sup>
John Henry	K-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Duke Ellington	K-2 <sup>nd</sup>
Louis Armstrong: The Gentle Giant of Jazz	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Anansi the Spider: An African Folktale	K-2 <sup>nd</sup>
Date	Theme	Video	Suggested Grades
11 <sup>th</sup>	Edison Born 1847	-Elements of Physics: Lights: Optics	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>
12 <sup>th</sup>	Lincoln Born 1809	-President's Day: Washington & Lincoln	K-4 <sup>th</sup>
14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Day	-One Zillion Valentines	K-2 <sup>nd</sup>
15 <sup>th</sup>	Galileo Born 1564	-Animated Hero Classics: Galileo	K-5 <sup>th</sup>
17 <sup>th</sup>	'Random Act of Kindness' Day	-Kindness -Learning to Care	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> K-2 <sup>nd</sup>
20 <sup>th</sup>	John Glenn orbits the Earth	-Great Books: The Right Stuff	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Washington Born 1732	-American Heroes and Heroines: Washington	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>



Create A Story  
...Share A Story



### An Invitation to Alabama's K-3 Teachers from APT

Alabama Public Television, in conjunction with more than 100 PBS stations across the U.S., is proud to be a sponsor of the 13th Annual Reading Rainbow Young Writers & Illustrators Contest for K-3 students! This year, APT is extending a special invitation to Alabama's K-3 Teachers to start the New Year with a unique and engaging language arts project...one that helps their students to utilize their growing literacy skills in a meaningful way.

### Linked to Alabama Language Arts Standards

The Contest offers a "real life" opportunity for the children to not only create and use their own literary "voices," but also to use the literacy skills they are practicing and learning based on the Alabama Language Arts Standards. This writing/illustrating project can take a few class periods or a few weeks. The Alabama Language Arts K-3 Standards are well represented in the process of writing and illustrating Reading Rainbow stories. To access examples of relevant Alabama Language Arts Standards for the contest, please email: [egriffin@aptv.org](mailto:egriffin@aptv.org).

### Contest Details

Entering students' stories is easy: Go to [www.aptv.org/rr](http://www.aptv.org/rr) to access the Reading Rainbow Contest Entry Form (one for each student) and the Contest Rules. For assistance, please call or email Eileen Griffin, APT's Ready To Learn Coordinator, at 800-239-5233 ext. 129 or [egriffin@aptv.org](mailto:egriffin@aptv.org).

### Contest Awards

Each student who enters a story will receive a beautiful certificate from LaVar Burton, Host of the Reading Rainbow PBS show. First, Second, and Third Place Awards will be given in each of the 4 grade categories, K-3. In addition, a special award celebration event will be held at the end of April to honor these Young Authors/Illustrators, their Teachers, and Families. All First Place Stories will be entered in the National Reading Rainbow Contest the end of April, with the national winners announced in June. National prizes include laptop computer, flat-panel televisions, DVD players, MP3 players, and Reading Rainbow DVDs and feature books.