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WORLD LIBRARY DEBUTS "THE STORY OF CIVILIZATION" INTERACTIVE MULTIMEDIA CD ROM; Eleven-Volume, Lifetime Work Of Will and Ariel Durant Covers More Than 3,000 Years Of World History, Plus Video Clips, On Single CD ROM

World Library, Inc., has announced the interactive multimedia CD ROM version of "The Story of Civilization," Will and Ariel Durant's acclaimed compilation of more than 3,000 years of world history. The full text of all 11 volumes, more than 800 illustrations, audio and video will be available on one CD ROM containing both Microsoft Windows and DOS versions. The new title will be available for release in early summer for under \$100.

"The Story of Civilization" details the history and cultures of civilizations worldwide, from prehistoric times to approximately 1840. Individual volumes include "The Life of Greece," "Caesar and Christ," "The Age of Faith," "The Renaissance," "The Reformation," "The Age of Voltaire," and "Rousseau and Revolution."

Throughout the 40 year period it took to compile the 11 volumes of "The Story of Civilization," the Durants pursued their goal of creating a complete and comprehensive series which would not only document the major events in history, but also the structural elements of each civilization, such as politics, law, economics, ideology and industry.

The Durant's studies ranged from the ancient cultures of early Greece, to the youth of Christianity, the Dark Ages and Italian Renaissance, the debate between faith and reason, and the collapse of feudal France. The "Story of Civilization" is the most popular multi-volume book series of all time, selling millions of copies through the Book of the Month Club alone.

"The Story of Civilization" offers users the same flexibility in research and readability as the company's popular "Library of the Future" series. Windows users can cut and paste text from any volume in the series to a word processor. Text can be downloaded to a floppy disk so that the user can read from a desktop computer. With Windows, the user also has the option of adjusting the font style and size of the text, and under DOS or Windows, users can print portions of the entire text if desired.

"The Story of Civilization" also features Instant Access, a powerful search engine that locates all references of any of the CDs words or phrases in a matter of seconds. Users can access any of the works instantly from a

main menu, as well as designate up to 99 bookmarks. The program also lets users scan for any word or various combinations of words.

As well as offering the complete text of "The Story of Civilization," the title also includes more than 800 original illustrations, including ancient photographs, drawings, maps and painting by artists of the period. Photographs and biographical information on the Durants is offered to enhance the visual experience for the user.