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The African American Multimedia Collection

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An enormous wealth of information on one disc.

Facts On File has published a large number of acclaimed print titles exploring all aspects of the African American experience. Most of these titles, plus an extensive array of stunning multimedia content, have now been combined into the ultimate resource—*The African American Multimedia Collection*, covering the entire breadth of African American history, from African beginnings through the slave trade, the civil rights movement, to the present. A powerful hypertext engine allows for smooth navigation through the text and multimedia content. In this product encompassing more than 6,000 pages of relevant information, users will find illustrations, photographs, colorful new and vintage maps, tables and charts, speeches, essays, articles, legislation, literature, and chronologies. Video and audio clips illustrate important political and social events. An extensive 11-volume encyclopedia on African American women, as well as the complete *Encyclopedia of African American Heritage* and *The Biographical Dictionary of African Americans* supply background and facts to all related subjects. The entire collection is available on one disc or the user can purchase segments on four separate CD-ROMs. This product also has its own Website containing extensive Web links to related sites. Available for Windows.

Landmark Documents in American History 2.0

June 1998

An insightful collection of texts that defined our nation.

This is an updated, revised edition of a multiple-award-winning CD-ROM, trusted by thousands of libraries, which contains the primary source “landmark” documents that have shaped the history of the United States. With over 20,000 pages of text, Version 2.0 of *Landmark Documents in American History* contains more content than before plus upgraded tools and features. New material includes among many other: the OJ Simpson trial, the Gore/Perot NAFTA debate, the Unabomber manifesto, and *Clinton v. Jones*. This highly acclaimed product brings to life the texts that have defined our nation. More than 1,200 speeches, Supreme Court decisions, legislation, treaties, essays, and letters are augmented with portraits, illustrations, photographs, video clips, and over 200 biographies. Every landmark document has an introduction that explains its significance and features relevant background information. Through these introductions users gain insight into not only the circumstances surrounding the documents' inception but also the people who wrote them and the impact these texts have had on our society. A truly unprecedented multimedia collection, *Landmark Documents in American History 2.0* contains upgraded tools and features, plus even more content than before. And it's now available for Windows and Macintosh!

Reviews

Rbb/Booklist: “... *Landmark Documents* dwarfs them all.”

American Libraries: “... A stellar addition to any library.”

The American Multimedia Archive

June 1998

An unprecedented wealth of historical information and outstanding editorial content in a visual as well as textual format. *The American Multimedia Archive, Complete Collection* stands alone in its class. This CD-ROM, covering the American experience from indigenous societies to modern times, invites the user to explore the most poignant images and words in America's past and present. Appropriate for students, researchers, and scholars, more than 2,000 vivid illustrations, photographs, and maps are displayed with corresponding captions that tell the story behind each image. Historical episodes are augmented with fascinating details hyperlinked to related information. Additionally, there are 120 landmark documents and 11 extensive timelines hyperlinked to illustrated captions and to audio and video clips. All data is accessible by both era and topic. Each era is cross-referenced to Native Americans, the African American experience, the government and the Constitution, daily life and culture, foreign policy, and much more. Along with cutting-edge speed, precision, and ease of use, the product offers a built-in notepad, a powerful advanced search engine, and links to notable Websites relating to American history plus a host of other exceptional features. This collection is a must-have for all libraries. Available for Windows.

Understanding Alcohol and Other Drugs: A Multimedia Resource

December 1997

The most comprehensive source on the subject of drugs and alcohol currently available. This 3,000-page CD-ROM allows a wide range of users—students, professionals, and the general public—to access valuable social, statistical, medical, legal, historical, and self-help materials relating to alcohol, tobacco, and other licit and illicit drugs. Targeting an area of great interest and concern, *Understanding Alcohol and Other Drugs* provides the widest possible range of relevant material. This includes an 800-page encyclopedic dictionary with hyperlinks; a 350-page glossary of related terms; a 300-page bibliography; 900 pages of cross-referenced articles, maps, charts, photographs, illustrations, and video clips; and a complete directory (200+ pages)—all linked to 16 up-to-date Websites. Available for Windows and Macintosh.

Reviews

Rettig on Reference: “Practicality as well as popular presentation of the findings of years of research in this field characterize the database's contents.... The consideration, the importance of the topic, and the informative, intelligible nature of the database's contents make the decision to acquire this self-evident. The worst that can be said of *Understanding Alcohol and Other Drugs* is that so many ought to use it ... that it is literally sometimes a life or death matter.”

Library Journal: “... and of special note are the extensive hyperlinks to related topics and terms. It's easy to wend your way around (using the ever-present Go Back key), and the numerous access points offer lots of routes into the information. Bottom Line: This disc pulls together an enormous amount of drug-related information and makes it available quickly and easily. Recommended for public and academic library collections.”

Booklist: “*Understanding Alcohol and Other Drugs* is a helpful multimedia resource for finding both textual and graphical information about drugs and alcohol.... The many hypertext links provide another way to navigate this fact-filled CD-ROM to discover a multitude of information about alcohol and drugs. Suitable for users in health sciences libraries, high school libraries, and academic libraries.”

***The American Indian. A Multimedia Encyclopedia.
Version 2.0***

Selected by *CD-ROM Professional* as One of the Best CD-ROMs for High Schoolers, 1993

Selected as a *Media & Methods* 1994 AWARDS PORTFOLIO.

The Most Comprehensive CD-ROM on Native Americans.

This complete overview of more than 150 Native American groups offers thorough and engaging multimedia coverage of such topics as migrations, wars, lifestyles, languages, families, and legends. Discover a wealth of dramatic historical artifacts and hear authentic American Indian songs. Experience the Native American world through more than 1,200 drawings, photographs, and maps, and 30 minutes of audio and video clips of dances, folklore, and interviews. Appreciate native religions. Topics covered include creation stories, burial ground desecrations, Ghost Dances, and more than 100 legends passed down from generation to generation. Read the full texts of 300 prominent primary-source documents and unbiased treatments of Native American issues—from broken treaties to the Trail of Tears. Also included are 450 address directories of Native American tribes, museums, societies, and organizations. Fact-filled biographical entries profile 1,400 Native Americans as well as the men and women who interacted with them throughout history. A complete historical timeline and 2,000 glossary entries further round out this critically acclaimed archive of Native American tribes. Available for Windows and Macintosh.

Reviews

Technology Connection: “This is unquestionably the most comprehensive ... CD-ROM on this topic.... With the excellent, clear search screen ... as well as the abundance of information, this product is appropriate for grade five through adult. It is an outstanding resource—easy enough for a beginning reader and comprehensive enough for an advanced researcher.”

Multimedia Schools: “The American Indian is a solid reference product.... Teachers and students will find a great deal of background information on Native Americans here. Its search and print functions make it versatile in a school library.... If your students study Native Americans and you have the hardware to run the program, go out and buy it.”

Science On File

Named one of the top 100 products of 1997 by *Curriculum Administrator*.

The Standard for Science Education.

This CD-ROM serves as an excellent tool for supplementing and enhancing the teaching and study of science. This will come as no surprise to the many science instructors who have for years used material from Facts On File's best-selling “On File” series to clarify and explain difficult science terms and concepts. Combining the contents of *Human Body On File*, *Animal Anatomy On File*, *Life Sciences On File*, *Earth Sciences On File*, and *Physical Sciences On File*, this CD-ROM offers the user over 1,200 lucid images and 1,000

corresponding encyclopedia entries explaining relevant terms and concepts. The clearly drawn, copyright-free images—most of which are not commonly available in science textbooks—are perfect for use on or in transparencies, worksheets, reports, study guides, and tests. This comprehensive collection is made even more accessible by a powerful search that allows for easy location of data through menu or key word searches. Also, more than 1,000 A-to-Z text entries defining science terms and concepts are hyperlinked to the captions of the images. Other features include the capability to output graphics with or without labels (ideal for studying and then testing), “Help” screens that accompany each menu and text screen. Available for Windows and Macintosh.

Reviews

Library Journal: “The system delivers what it promises: clear, well-labeled drawings of scientific principles that will enhance the learning and teaching of both basic and complex ideas.... Well worth the money.... Science On File will be invaluable to public, academic, and selected special libraries. Highly recommended.”

Choice: “A very useful and comprehensive science image library.”

States of Matter

Selected as a *Media & Methods* 1998 AWARDS PORTFOLIO.

Key guidance for students beginning physical science.

States of Matter, features an ingenious student-friendly format, high-quality animation, interactive simulations, with a comprehensive scope, while playfully illuminating the world of beginning physical science. Developed specifically to overcome the difficulties of explaining and understanding how particles behave, this comprehensive and stimulating CD-ROM is ideal for students in grades three through eight. Unique visualizations of the kinetic theory graphically portray how particles move and behave. Interactive simulations, led by an engaging cartoon teacher named Yardley McClutchin, provide students with immediate feedback while letting them progress at their own pace. Positive reinforcement functions further involve the student in the learning process. Other features of the CD-ROM include a guided tour, a glossary that gives short explanations of unfamiliar words and phrases, an interactive control panel, a periodic table, and printable handouts to go along with each lesson. Available for Windows and Macintosh.

Reviews

Jack and Jill Magazine: “Pay a visit to the lab for a fascinating explanation of atoms, particles, and why they behave the way they do. The learning comes easy with printable handouts, plenty of review, and a glossary you can check for unfamiliar words and phrases.”

Voya: “Easy to use computer-assisted instruction.”

School and Library Journal: “Complicated concepts are presented in a very simplified

manner.”

The Chemistry Set

The Chemistry Set is truly the most exciting and innovative way to explore chemistry to date. This CD-ROM centers its vast, easy to use collection of multimedia materials around the periodic table, which becomes in this CD-ROM a seemingly inexhaustible starting point into an interactive universe of knowledge about the chemicals, elements, and compounds that make up the physical world. This beautifully designed comprehensive multimedia database contains 4,000 full-text entries; more than 500 photographs showing elements, main minerals, famous scientists, and applications of the elements in everyday life; and 300+ video clips of key chemical experiments and processes. Frame-by-frame examinations show explosions and other reactions in slow motion. Brilliantly using available technology, more than 500 interactive, three-dimensional graphics depict molecules, molecular structures, and ionic lattices that can be viewed from different angles, magnified or reduced, in motion or still, by atoms only, or by bonds only. *The Chemistry Set* offers cutting-edge visual clarity and interdisciplinary depth. An extensive array of highly visual features relate to the text entries. Captions not only describe the uses of each element, but the discovery (when, where, and by whom) of each element, and cross-reference to related quotations from *The Periodic Table* by Primo Levi. Teachers and students of all levels can expect to greatly enhance their knowledge of chemistry while thoroughly enjoying this creative product. Available for Windows.

Reviews

Technology Connection: “*The Chemistry Set* condenses a great deal of information on the chemical elements in a quick, easy-to-use format.... This program contains an amazing amount of information, pictures, and videos.... *Highly recommended.*”

Science Books & Films: “*The Chemistry Set* ... is great for anyone who needs quick information for chemistry research papers. Since the software is easy to use, it's ideal for general reference in any library.”
