



WHEN THE BORDER VANISHES

Introduction

The Documentary Series

This instructional package is the sixth in a continuing series produced by the United States Department of State, in collaboration with a special committee of social studies educators. The purpose of the series is to help students understand the connection between world events and their own lives and those of others in their communities.

The series builds upon the resources of the U.S. Department of State. The DVD, CD-ROM, and other resources in this series are intended for use with middle school and high school courses. In producing instructional materials of this nature, the developers recognize that the audiences represent a vast range of interests and backgrounds, as well as local and state curriculum standards and requirements.

We hope that teachers find this package useful and will look forward to future programs. Your comments and suggestions will be helpful in the development of future instructional packages. Please contact us at: history@state.gov

When the Border Vanishes: Diplomacy and the Threat to our Health and Environment

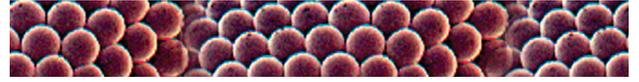
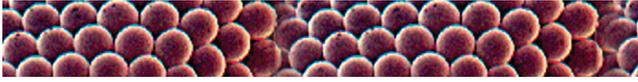
When the Border Vanishes is an instructional package that explores diplomatic aspects of the 21st century problems we call "global issues" and explores two of them in depth—preservation of health and damage to the environment. Our intention is to give students some historical background to issues that might at first appear to be simply problems of the modern era. A better understanding of the American experience over time will give them a more sophisticated basis for understanding these same problems in the world today.

The closed-captioned DVD includes two complete programs, both of which include an "Introduction to Global Issues." *Disease and Diplomacy* includes these documentary segments: "Plague and the Revolution," "Yellow Fever and Expansion," "H1N1 and World War I," and "Old Enemies, New Threats." *Diplomacy and the Environment* includes: "A New World: Rich and Empty," "Moving West: More Becomes Less," and "The 20th Century and the Ultimate Border."

This package includes on CD-ROM the documentary script and script outline, a timeline, glossary, maps, charts, graphic organizers, lessons and extension activities, website links, and other support materials. Also included in the package is a series of lessons we call "Global Issues Foundational Lessons." These lessons are designed to enhance student understanding of U.S. diplomacy by highlighting one urgent aspect, crippling global poverty, that underlies many of today's international problems—and makes necessary U.S. and international foreign aid.

Lessons focus on history, civics, geography, economics, and culture, and support the thematic curriculum standards of *Expectations of Excellence: Curriculum Standards for Social Studies* of the National Council for Social Studies. Lessons and support materials were also designed to promote the literary emphasis of *No Child Left Behind* by including oral, written, and visual communications activities.

These instructional materials were designed to provide a high degree of flexibility for teachers. The DVD can be viewed as two separate programs and/or in individual segments. It can be used to stimulate classroom discussion, to introduce a series of lessons



on the topic, or to supplement existing classroom lessons. The documentary program and lessons may constitute a complete instructional unit, or individual elements may be incorporated into existing units. These instructional materials support U.S. history, civics and government, economics, international relations, and modern world history courses.

Teachers are encouraged to enhance the content of this package with other instructional materials and information sources, such as textbooks, newspapers, television, and the internet. Suggestions for using additional resources are included with a number of the lessons. Teachers are encouraged to modify suggested lessons and other materials in ways that are appropriate for their students, courses, and other local circumstances.

Print materials are provided in pdf format on the CD-ROM and are Mac and PC compatible. They can be reproduced easily to enable teachers to customize materials for their own classrooms. Website references within the lessons are not hot links and should be copied and pasted in your browser for access. Teachers are always advised to review and abide by copyright restrictions at all listed websites. All lessons in this package produced by the Department of State may be reproduced and disseminated without specific permission.

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