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*Learning to Read by Malcolm X

*Claiming an Education by Adrienne Rich

A Culture of Fear, Education and the Disconnected Life by Parker Palmer

Teaching as an Amusing Activity by Neil Postman

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Who Shall I Be? by Jennifer Crichton

College Brings Alienation by John Gonzales

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Surfing Not Studying, Dealing with Internet Addiction on Campus by Kimberly Young

When Eating Feels Like a Crime; Colleges Battle Eating Disorders with Increased Awareness, Support for Victims by Chana Schoenberger

Female Athletes Thrive, but Budget Pressures Loom by Welch Suggs

GALA Coming-Out Chalkings Defaced at Georgia Tech by Tony Kluemper

Students becoming even more dependent on loans // Families battle to afford college

OTHER RESOURCES

Video Recordings
  Frosh: Nine Months in a freshman residence hall
  Higher Learning

Websites
  National Resource Center for the First Year Experience and Students in Transition: http://www.sc.edu/fye

  Comparison of high school and college experience: http://www2.smu.edu/alec/whyhighschool.html

  Student Affairs on-line journal: http://www.studentaffairs.com/
  Higher Education Research Institute: http://www.gseis.ucla.edu/heri/heri.html

  Journal of College and Character http://www.collegevalues.org/index.cfm

Library Database
  Academic Universe, Lexis-Nexis, Campus news (Chronicle of Higher Education or University Wire)
Tools
   Kolb Learning Styles Inventory

Theme: Rochester Cultures

CITY INFORMATION
   Walking Tour (Rochester’s Best, 2nd. Ed.) by Francis Basile

INDIVIDUALS OF INFLUENCE
   Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave, autobiography

   Constitutional Argument, 1872 by Susan B. Anthony

   The University of Rochester (Chapter XII of George Eastman) by Carl Ackerman

OTHER RESOURCES

Video Recordings
   Frederick Douglass: An American Life by William Greaves
   Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History
   Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony by Ken Burns
   Susan B. Anthony Slept Here by Lynn Sherr, Jurate Kaziekos and Alvin Cooperman

Audio Recording
   The Mother of Us All by Virgil Thomson and Gertrude Stein

Websites
   Susan B. Anthony
      http://www.susanbanthonyhouse.org/
   George Eastman House
      http://www.eastman.org/
   Ganondagan
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   High Falls
      http://www.centerathighfalls.org

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IDENTITY AND DIVERSITY
   Everyday Use by Alice Walker
Goin’ Gangsta, Choosin’ Cholita by Nell Bernstein

Talking AIDS to Death by Randy Shilts

*American Dreams by Kevin Jennings

*The Beauty Myth by Naomi Wolf

MEDIA

Superstore Inflation by Richard Panek

*What Makes Superman So Darned American? by Gary Engle

Beauty and the Beast of Advertising by Jean Kilbourne

The Haves and the Have-Nots by LynNell Hancock

POLITICS AND HISTORY

The Declaration of Independence by Thomas Jefferson

*A First American Views His Land by N. Scott Momaday

Letter from Birmingham City Jail by Martin Luther King, Jr.

The More Factor by Laurence Shames

Material World, “United States: A Moral Dilemma” by Peter Menzel (library reserve desk)

Who Should Get In? by Christopher Jencks

Race By the Numbers by Orlando Patterson

True Colors: The Confusion Over Who We Are by Steven A. Holmes

OTHER RESOURCES

Video Recordings
The Wedding Banquet
Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt
Fires in the Mirror
Only the Ball Was White
Daughters of the Dust
Wild Women Don’t Have the Blues
Smoke Signals
The Divided Trail: A Native American Odyssey
Matewan
Websites
  U.S. Census Bureau
    http://www.census.gov/
  Contacting the Congress
    http://www.visi.com/juan/congress
  Project Vote Smart:
    www.vote-smart.org
  Economic Policy Institute
    www.epinet.org

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  *A Walk to the Jetty* by Jamaica Kincaid

  *Across the Wire: Life and Hard Times of the Mexican Border* by Luis Alberto Urrea

  *El Norte*, Video recording

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  *Music Goes Global* by Christopher John Farley

  *Worlds of Music*, CD selections

  *Is Nothing Sacred?* The Ethics of Television by Michael Ignatieff

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

  *Through the Emerald Door* by Mark J. Plotkin

  *A Twentieth Century Medicine Man: Fight for Survival*, Video recording

  *Necessity’s Mother* by Jared Diamond

ECONOMICS

  *Material World* by Peter Menzel   (library reserve desk)

  *We Are Not the World* by Paul Krugman

  *These Dark Satanic Mills* by William Greider

  *The Ship Breakers* by William Langewiesche
POLITICS

Universal Declaration of Human Rights by UN General Assembly

The Clash of Ignorance by Edward Said

Women’s Rights, Human Rights by Katha Pollitt

Warrior’s Honor by Michael Ignatieff

The Moral Logic of Hizballah by Martin Kramer

Romero, Video recording (Media Reserve)