

# Resource Materials for Teachers

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Presents the view that the scrolls are a product of the Essenes, a sectarian group. Provides a good introduction on a scholarly level. Available in hardback and paperback editions. The author is the keynote speaker at the Library of Congress symposium.
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Excellent introduction by a famous critic concerning the discovery and early theories about the Qumran community. First appeared in the New Yorker in the 1950's where it served to introduce millions of Americans to the Dead Sea Scrolls.
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Describes the last large scroll -- the Temple Scroll -- to be uncovered. The profuse illustrations and accessible content make this a worthwhile book for secondary school use.

## Selective List of Films

**The Arab World.** [Videorecording]. Middleton, WI: Knowledge Unlimited, 1988. 20 min., col., vhs. Incl. tchr's. guide. Tel: 608-836-6660

Depicts the Arab world as the gateway to Africa, Asia, and Europe. The earliest civilizations and three major world religions took root in this part of the world. It is rich in one of the most vital natural resources, oil, and in the 20th century, it has been a land in nearly constant turmoil & conflict.

**The Archaeologist and How He Works.** [Videorecording]. Chicago, IL: International Film Bureau, Inc. 1965. 18 min., col., vhs; beta; 3/4". Tel: 312-427-4545

Filmed on an actual archaeological expedition and shows all phases of the operation from planning, to handling materials, to follow-up work in museums.

**The Dead Sea in Biblical Times.** [Videorecording]. New York, NY: Doko Communications, Inc. 1988. col., vhs; beta. Tel:212-686-6160

Visits many sites important to Christianity and Judaism.

**Dead Sea Scrolls.** [Film]. Panorama City, CA: Family Films, 1960. 15 min., col., 16mm. Address: 14622 Lanarck St. Panorama City, CA 91402

Shows the caves and sites where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. The thousands of fragments being worked on by scholars and other scenes emphasize the importance of the discovery of the scrolls.

**Israel: History, Land & People.** [Videorecording]. New Y, NY: Phoenix/ BFA Films & Video, 1978. 18 min., col., vhs; beta; 16mm. Tel: 800-221-1274

Tells the story of the Jewish people and their homeland starting with Biblical times. Moves through Jewish history to the establishment of modern Israel in 1948.

**Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls.** [Film]. Madison, WI: Bureau of Audio-Visual Instruction, {Univ. of WI-La Crosse}, 1972. 25 min., col., 16 mm. Tel: 800-831-9504

Shows the caves where the scrolls and fragments were found and rooms in the ruins of Qumran on the shores of the Dead Sea. Dr. Charles Fritsch interviews Dr.Yigael Yadin about the Temple Scroll and the monastic sect of Essenes.

**Secrets of the Dead Sea Scrolls.** [Videorecording]. Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities, Inc., 1992. 60 min., col., vhs; beta; 3/4". Tel: 800-257-5126

Originally presented on the PBS Nova series. Documents how the scrolls were discovered by a Bedouin shepherd, smuggled to Bethlehem, and sold on the black market to antiquities dealers. Discusses the meaning of the scrolls and the scholarly debate concerning the scrolls and the Qumran ruin.

## Other Sources

Following is a list of organizations that conduct activities and provide a variety of information related to archeology and Near East history and geography.

**American Schools of Oriental Research** 711 West 40th Street, Suite 354 Baltimore, MD 21211  
Phone: (301) 889-1383 Dr. Eric M. Meyers, President

Conducts archaeological research on the peoples and cultures of the Near East, from the early to modern periods. Maintains data bases. Publishes the Biblical Archeologist, the Journal of Cuneiform Studies, a monograph series, and a quarterly newsletter.

**Biblical Archaeology Society** 3000 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite 300 Washington, D.C. 20008 Phone: (202) 387-8888

Publishers of the influential journal, *Biblical Archaeology Review* as well as other publications relating to the Dead Sea scrolls and Near Eastern archaeology.

**Israel Exploration Society** P. O. Box 7041 Jerusalem, 91070, Israel

Publishes a journal and monograph series in English on archaeology of the Holy Land.

**Near East Archaeological Society** c/o Dr. W. Harold Mare Covenant Theological Seminary 12330 Conway Road St. Louis, MO 63141 Phone: (314) 434-4044

Promotes archaeological and biblical research in Israel and the surrounding Near East region. Publishes a journal and provides information.

**Society of Biblical Literature** 1549 Clairmont Road, Suite 204 Decatur, GA 30033-4635

Phone: (404) 636-4744 David J. Lull, Executive Director

Supports the study of ancient languages, textual criticism, history, and archaeology of the Near Eastern and Mediterranean regions. Maintains data bases. Publishes a journal and educational and reference materials.