



USING FILMS ON DEMAND: A GUIDE FOR SHSU USERS

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WHAT IS FILMS ON DEMAND?

- Online access to educational films
- Nearly 10,000 titles
- Covers almost all disciplines
- Includes content produced by ABC, BBC, PBS, CBS, NBC, Films for the Humanities & Sciences, Bill Moyers, and many others
- Accessible to SHSU students, faculty, and staff from any computer with an Internet connection



HOW CAN YOU USE FILMS ON DEMAND?

- Play films in the classroom
- Assign films for students to watch outside of class
- Watch films on the Films on Demand website
- Share links to whole films or specific clips of interest within a film
- Create a free user account to build video playlists and share them with other SHSU users



CURRICULUM RESOURCES

NOW PLAYING

Obesity in a Bottle: Understanding Liquid Calories and Nutrition (21:00)

A soda or sugary juice drink—that's how most teenagers satisfy thirst. Help them make healthier choices with this entertaining, information-packed video. It uses a fast-paced, teen-friendly format to address the enormous role that beverages play in America's growing obesity problem. Topics covered include the effect of beverages on weight gain, beverage size, the dangers of both regular and diet sodas, a comparison of sports and energy drinks, a nutritional breakdown of other popular beverages, the benefits of drinking water, and growing concerns over diabetes. Gatorade, Red Bull, Full Throttle, Rumba, Monster, vitaminwater, and a variety of bottled teas are featured.

Viewable/printable educational resources are available online. (21 minutes)

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[Related Resources ↑](#)

[Reviews & Awards](#)

Title URL

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- Some films include related curriculum materials such as worksheets.
- If the link is provided, click on "Related Resources" below the video player and film description.

BROWSE FOR FILMS

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HOME COLLECTIONS FEATURED PRODUCERS PLAYLISTS FAVORITES

History

- Anthropology
- Archival Films & Newsreels
- Area Studies
- Art & Architecture
- Biology
- Business & Economics
- Communication
- Criminal Justice & Law
- Earth Science
- Education
- Engineering
- English & Language Arts
- Environmental Science
- Geography
- Health & Medicine
- History**
- Mathematics
- Music & Dance
- Philosophy & Religion
- Physical Science
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Technology & Society
- World Languages

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Survey: American History

Revolution & Republic

Civil War & Reconstruction

World War II & Postwar America: 1941-1960

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First use the Collections menu to choose a subject area...

...then choose a narrower subject on the left, or just start browsing films on the right.

SEARCH FOR FILMS

- Search by Titles or Segments
 - If you don't find what you want by searching one way, try the other—they get different results



NAVIGATE THE SEARCH RESULTS

- View results by Titles (whole films) or Segments (film clips).
- Sort by Relevance, Title (A-Z), or Segment Title (A-Z).
- Each search result shows the film title, a short description, and tools to Email, Add to Playlist, or Add to Favorites.
- Click a title to see more details or to start watching.

120 Titles found for ""global warming""

View: **Titles** Sort by: **Relevance** Page 1 of 5

Antarctic Glaciers
The seas are rising. How fast and how high they will go is the big unknown. In this video clip, hear from experts on what's happening to the world's biggest ice sheet and how it will affect sea level...

+ VIEW SEGMENTS IN THIS VIDEO

The Arctic Circle
Series
Most people think of it as remote and empty, but the Arctic—more than any other region on the planet—suffers painfully from the impact of global warming. Filmed in some of the world's most beautiful a...


+ VIEW TITLES IN THIS SERIES

The screenshot shows a search results interface. At the top, it says "120 Titles found for ""global warming"". Below this, there are two dropdown menus: "View: Titles" and "Sort by: Relevance", both of which are circled in orange. To the right of these menus is a pagination control showing "Page 1 of 5" with navigation arrows. Below the navigation controls, there are two search results. The first result is titled "Antarctic Glaciers" and includes a video thumbnail with a play button. Below the thumbnail is a button that says "+ VIEW SEGMENTS IN THIS VIDEO" and a set of three icons: an envelope (Email), a plus sign (Add to Playlist), and a heart (Add to Favorites). The second result is titled "The Arctic Circle" and is labeled as a "Series". It also includes a video thumbnail and a button that says "+ VIEW TITLES IN THIS SERIES".



THE FILM OR SEGMENT HOMEPAGE

Antarctic Glaciers



00:00 11:08

Email this Video Add to Playlist Add to Favorites Embed this Video Citation

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ABC
Australian Broadcasting Corporation
Commercial

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Segments Transcript Related

Continuous Playback ?

- 1. Antarctica Losing Mass (01:28)**
Nearly 90% of the world's snow and ice is found in Antarctica. Ice sheets are slowly losing mass. Sea levels are rising. "What happens in Antarctica will be critical."
- 2. Floating Ice Shelves (03:29)**
The Transantarctic Mountains demarcate East and West Antarctica. Many large glaciers from these mountains end in large, floating ice shelves. The Antarctic Peninsula is melting at an alarming rate
- 3. Glaciers Speeding Up (00:58)**
In one Antarctic region, glaciologists have found that the major glaciers are speeding up and losing mass, thinning by 9 m per year. This phenomenon affects ocean circulation,
- 4. East Antarctica Loses Mass (02:12)**
The Antarctic ice sheet does not behave in a uniform way. Two satellites provide precise measurements of changes in Antarctic ice. The information reveals that East Antarctica has been losing mass since 2006.
- 5. Beneath the Ice Shelf (01:22)**
Lying beneath the Ice shelf in East Antarctica is bedrock as well as deep basins well below sea level. Airborne technology provides data on the bedrock and other features that may affect ice flow.
- 6. Rising Sea Levels (01:36)**
A strong and clear picture emerges that indicates big things can happen in the ice sheets. Sea level could rise from 1 m to 3 m by the turn of the century.

“Segments” tab describes each film clip so you can jump to the scenes of most interest.


“Related” tab recommends other films that might interest you.

Some films have a text transcript.



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Watch the video here.


Controls for play, pause, volume, full screen, etc. are available below the player.

If closed captions are available, a "Captions" tool will appear when you mouse over the video player.

NOTE: Films on Demand may work with some **mobile devices** but may not work with all.

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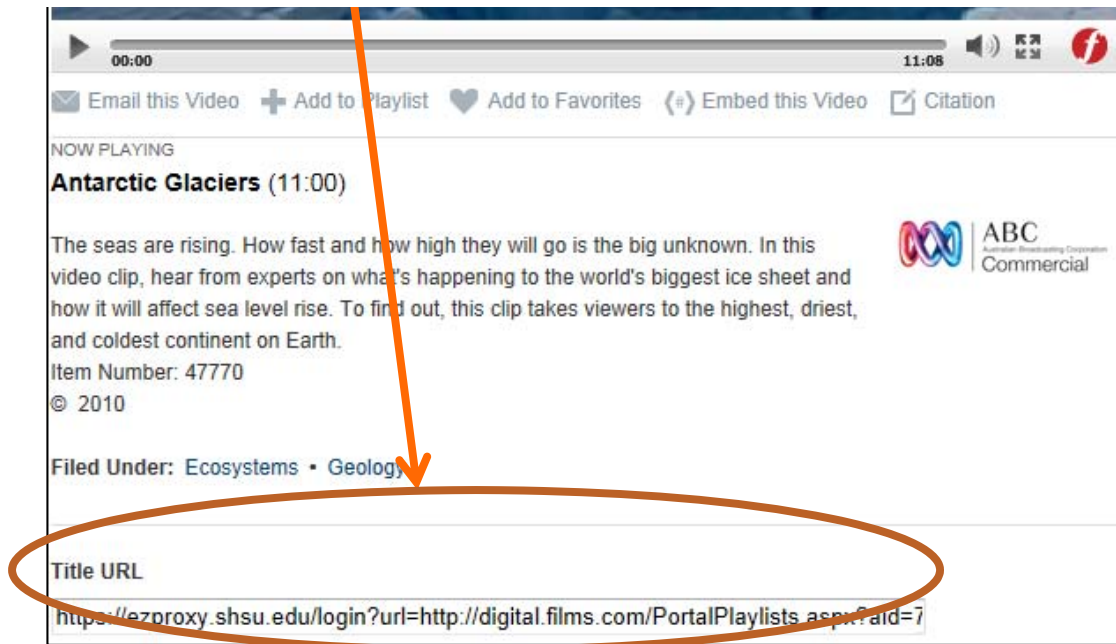
Tools Below the Player:

- **Email** the video's link to someone.
- Add the video to a **playlist** (requires creation of a free personal account).
- Add the video to your **favorites** (requires creation of a free personal account).
- Get code to **embed** this video in a player (works only in Blackboard).
- Get a **citation** for this film.



SHARE A LINK TO A FILM OR SEGMENT

1. Find and copy the “Title URL” to link to a film or segment.



2. Paste that link wherever you want to use it Blackboard (SHSUOnline) or anywhere. The link is accessible both on and off campus.
3. When adding a link to Blackboard, we **strongly recommend** that you select the option to open the link in a new window to prevent some possible access problems.

IT'S THAT EASY!

EMBED A FILM PLAYER IN BLACKBOARD

- Embed code lets you embed a film player directly into your web page in Blackboard.
 1. Click “Embed this Video” and copy the code provided.
 2. Open a Blackboard page. Switch to HTML View.
 3. Paste the Embed Code you copied. Switch back to Design View, and the video player should appear.

- 1. **NOTE:** These embedded video players will **only** work in Blackboard.



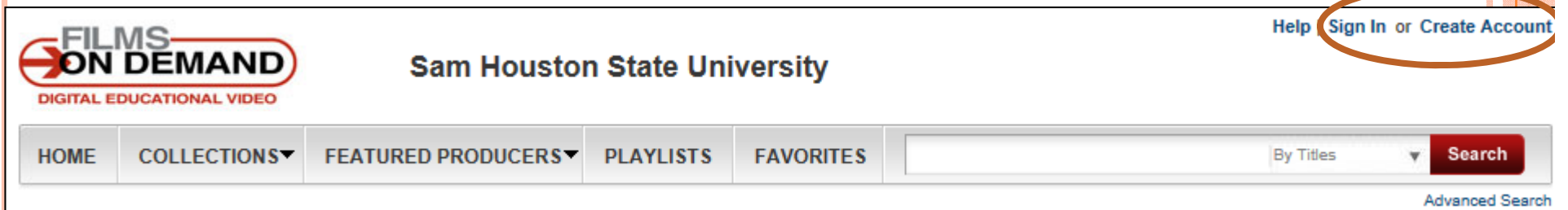
VIDEO PLAYLISTS: WHAT AND WHY?

- Compile a list of related films and segments
- Re-group and re-order segments from long films to match your organization of course content
- Have students watch a series of clips on a topic
- Create playlists to correspond with different assignments or course units
- **Use just one URL to point your class towards an entire series of films and clips**



CREATE AND SHARE VIDEO PLAYLISTS

- To create playlists of films and film segments, you must create a free, personal account.



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Help Sign In or Create Account

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By Titles Search

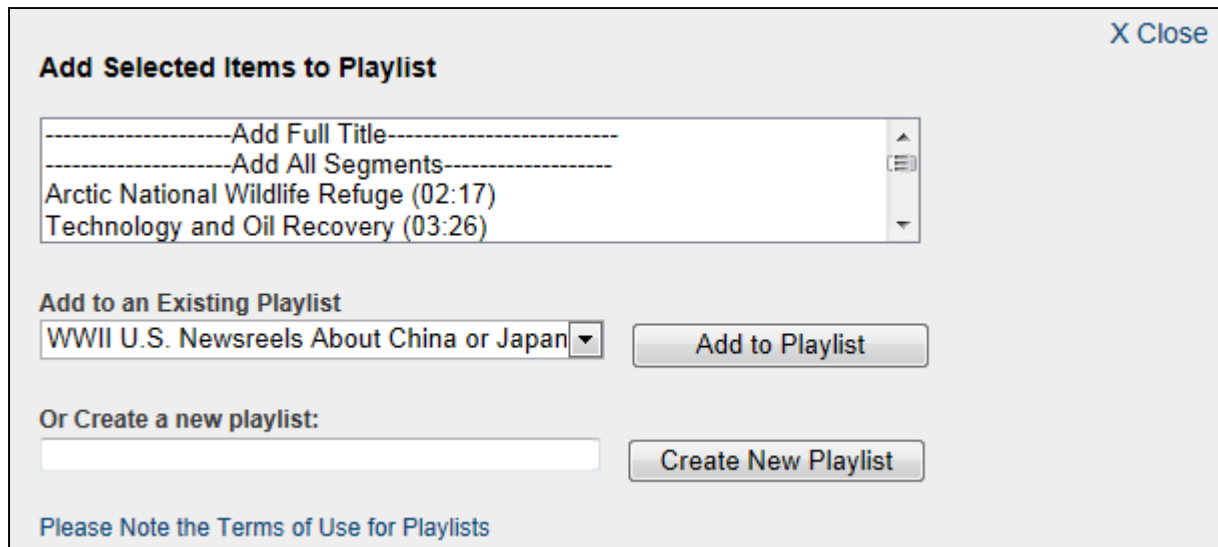
Advanced Search

- First visit: Click “Create a User Account” and enter data requested.
- Subsequent visits: Click “Sign In” and enter your User ID and password.
- You must log into a personal account to **create** playlists. (But other users can *watch* the playlist without logging in.)



CREATE AND SHARE VIDEO PLAYLISTS

- For each film or film clip that you want to add to your playlist:



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Add Selected Items to Playlist" with a close button "X Close" in the top right corner. The dialog contains a list of items to be added, with options to "Add Full Title" or "Add All Segments". The items listed are "Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (02:17)" and "Technology and Oil Recovery (03:26)". Below the list, there are two options: "Add to an Existing Playlist" with a dropdown menu showing "WWII U.S. Newsreels About China or Japan" and an "Add to Playlist" button, and "Or Create a new playlist:" with an empty text input field and a "Create New Playlist" button. At the bottom, there is a link: "Please Note the Terms of Use for Playlists".

- Click “Add to Playlist” under the video player.
- Select the specific clips/segments or add the whole film.
- Select the name of an existing playlist and click Add, or enter a name for a new playlist and click Create.



CREATE AND SHARE VIDEO PLAYLISTS

- View Playlists: Click Playlists at top of any page.
- Edit Playlist: Click Edit Playlist beside any playlist to reorder films, remove films, rename the playlist, etc.
- Link to Playlist:
 - Copy the Playlist URL provided for any playlist.
 - Use the link in Blackboard (SHSUOnline) or anywhere. It will work both on and off campus. **IT'S THAT EASY!**



TROUBLE-SHOOTING ACCESS TO FILMS ON DEMAND

- Students having problems accessing a film?
 1. If the link is not already set to open in a new window, right-click on the link and select Open in New Window.
 2. If the problem occurs in Internet Explorer, try an alternate browser, especially if the link is in Blackboard.
 3. Check the beginning of the link. If it starts with *http://digital...*, then it is missing critical information for off-campus access. Add this before the “http”:
https://ezproxy.shsu.edu/login?url=
 4. Still having problems? Report a database problem or read the Library’s detailed help with database access at:
<http://library.shsu.edu/about/departments/electronicresources/journalerror.html>.

