

Entertaining Ideas

Adventure Series Provides Educational Viewing

(NAPSA)—Understanding the depth and breadth of the issues facing today's world can be intimidating for both children and adults alike. Even the events reported on a daily basis tend to reflect only the latest and most immediate updates to issues that are rooted in years of political and cultural complexity.

Seeking to provide young and old viewers with a fun way to navigate the seemingly impenetrable events of the past, creator George Lucas produced "The Adventures of Young Indiana Jones," a series of adventures set in and around some of the most important events of the 20th century.

"By introducing key figures from history through young Indy's adventures, I felt that I could reach children in a way that textbooks couldn't," says Lucas. "Understanding the people behind important events is the first step toward understanding the events themselves, and that provides an essential foundation for understanding the world we live in today."

Beginning with Indy's boyhood travels at the start of the 20th century, the series—which originally aired on television in the early 1990s—follows the young hero as he crosses paths with such influential figures as Winston Churchill, Albert Schweitzer, Sigmund Freud, Thomas Edison and more.

As he matures, Indy becomes embroiled in the tumultuous events of World War I as he journeys through the Middle East, Asia, Africa and Europe. With the conclusion of the war, he returns to America to take part in the



A popular TV adventure series, now on DVD, can help foster a family's interest in history.

Broadway boom, the early days of Hollywood and the Algonquin Round Table.

But for Lucas, Indy's adventures themselves were only the beginning. The series is available on DVD in three volumes—"The Early Years," "The War Years" and "The Years of Change"—each of which includes an unprecedented array of educational documentaries, games and more to further supplement the episodes themselves. Each companion documentary provides insights into the real-world figures and events that inspired Indy's adventures, and a unique interactive timeline allows viewers to trek through history on their own.

Watching as a family can be a great way for kids—and adults—to learn more about the present by gaining a greater understanding of the past. To learn more, visit www.youngindy.com.