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## ATLAS

NEWLY RELEASED EAMES FILM GIVES PERSPECTIVE ON CLASSICAL WORLD

Pyramid Film & Video announces the release of ATLAS, an important 6-minute film from the office of Charles and Ray Eames, just made available for distribution. A unique and evocative depiction of the changing boundaries of the ancient world, ATLAS was produced in honor of the 200th anniversary of the publication of Gibbons' Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire.

In a manner reminiscent of the classic POWERS OF TEN, ATLAS capsules the history of the Roman Empire from 500 B.C. to 500 A.D. As borders expand and contract on a map of the known world, a chronometer measures the passage of time in half centuries, and a narrator summarizes historical events. The visuals of the map appear twice; once with narration, and again in a non-narrated review.

The brevity and clarity of this remarkable film allow for many uses. ATLAS provides an excellent introduction to the study of the growth of the ancient world, particularly, the Roman Empire. It may be used throughout a course in history or historical geography to give perspective to the events of the time. It is an enriching addition to any Classics course - art, literature, philosophy, history, Greek or Latin.

ATLAS is available in 16mm and videocassette for purchase (\$195) and 3-day rental (\$35).

A 4-page discussion guide accompanies each film or cassette. For more information call Toll Free: 800-421-2304. School or library customers, call 800-523-0118.