

... a documentary for
primary grades ...

DUKE THOMAS, MAILMAN

15½ MINUTES



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THEME AND CONTENT:

If a child could spend a working day with Duke Thomas, Mailman — what would he experience?

The sights and sounds of the Post Office as Duke arrives before dawn, punches in and prepares his mail. Working with his friends, he sorts, re-addresses, and bundles his mail.

On the route, Duke delivers to stores, gas stations and offices. He talks with many people he has come to know. He takes his coffee break, picks up more mail from a relay box. He delivers to apartments and homes. In the afternoon, hot and tired, he returns and punches out.

Duke and the other people in this film are real. The commentary is in Duke's own voice and words.

PURPOSE:

To take children into the real world of a mailman, and to introduce concepts such as:

Social Studies Concepts

- 1 A man takes pride in doing a good job.
- 2 Many specialized workers cooperate to deliver the mail.
- 3 People communicate in many ways: personal letters, bills and checks, announcements, magazines, etc.
- 4 Many jobs require unseen preparation. Half of the mailman's time is spent in the office.

Language Arts Concepts

- 1 The importance of writing and reading.
- 2 To tell about a man, you need to know how he feels about many things, and how he shows his feelings.
- 3 The importance of being yourself. Duke has his own way of talking — is it effective?

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

- 1 Role playing: the various postal workers and people along the route.
- 2 Is your mailman anything like Duke? Talk to him and find out.
- 3 What would happen if there were no mail for a week?
- 4 Write a poem or story to Duke, in care of Churchill Films, 662 North Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90069.

WORDS TO LEARN:

time clock, punching in, relay box, correct address, mail slot, registered mail, postal rates, zip code, mail pouch.

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