



American History

PROGRAMME 2025

Heroes and Villains 15 Jan

This group session will describe several individuals who influenced American history through their notable or notorious activities.

The 'Overmountain Men' 29 Jan

The Overmountain Men were not your average Patriots. Residing in the Carolina backcountry and the Appalachians, these men were originally reluctant to pick up arms for the American cause. At the start of the war, the South provided a Loyalist foothold for Britain. As the war progressed, this foothold started to crumble and Patriot sympathies grew in parallel effect with Patriot victories.

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The American Revolution 12 Feb

Also called the U.S. War of Independence—this was the insurrection fought between 1775 and 1783 through which 13 of Great Britain's North American colonies threw off British rule to establish the sovereign United States of America, founded with the Declaration of Independence in 1776

The Lewis & Clark Expedition 26 Feb

In 1753 in Virginia, 10-year-old Thomas Jefferson's teacher suggested that '...some persons should be sent in search of the river



Missouri to discover whether it has any communication with the Pacific Ocean....' In 1803, as President of the United States, Jefferson

instructed his secretary Meriwether Lewis to organise that expedition... but getting to the Pacific coast was more testing than they had imagined....

George Washington 12 Mar

In his First Inaugural Address, Washington confessed that he was unpracticed in the duties of civil administration; however, he was one of the most able administrators ever to serve as President. He administered the government with fairness and integrity, assuring Americans that the President could exercise extensive executive authority without corruption.

The Go-getters 26 Mar



As colonists from the East coast ventured West, they faced new challenges and opportunities especially in

trading across the continent and beyond, helped, of course by railroad development.

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What our members say..

What I find fascinating is that from being a small group of 'united states' the USA became a single democratic country stretching from coast to coast in such a short period of time

Also, it occurred in the era of paper and printing. That history is therefore documented in incredible detail compared with older civilisations... it is estimated that Thomas Jefferson wrote 18,624 letters in his lifetime whereas Alexander the Great wrote about 30. So much of this history is now freely available on the internet for amateur researchers ... and so much of it still affects us directly in one way or another.

We meet on Wednesday mornings in Finchley.

Nearest tube: Finchley Central

This term's dates:

Jan 15, 29, Feb 12, 26, Mar 12, 26

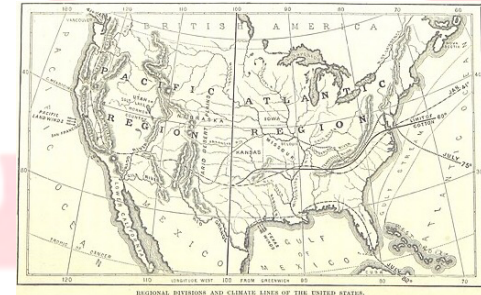
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I have been a member of this group for many years and have learned so much detailed history, both from listening to others' presentations and reading up for my own contributions. Members have interests ranging from colonials to 20th century culture. There is always a lot to learn and discuss

I joined North American history group in March & have really enjoyed. It has been an "eye opener" into various aspects of North American history from very early days, hundreds of years ago, to the various famous Americans of 19th & 20th centuries. Strongly recommend this small friendly group and join us fortnightly on Wednesday mornings to head out West."



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Our group started in 2013 and considers American History in the broadest sense, with the scope covering USA, Canada, Mexico and Central and South America from pre-colonial days to mid/late 20th century.

We are currently focussing on the colonial era from the early settlers, colonies and states, the declaration and war of independence and the Constitution. We will follow, in the summer term with later history.

New Members welcome

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