



# AMERICAN HISTORY

## 2026 Programme

### New Amsterdam

The less well-known story of how the Dutch established a colony in the area that would become New York, and whose culture influenced the development of the US city.



### Rodgers and Hart

While at Columbia University, music student Richard Rodgers was introduced to Lorenz Hart, who was majoring in journalism. Their shared enthusiasm for popular musicals sparked a creative partnership that lasted more than two decades and resulted in a body of work that has become a cornerstone of the great American songbook



### The Mexican Revolution



the establishment of a constitutional republic

The Mexican Revolution, 1910 to 1920, led the end of a long-standing dictatorship and

### History of the FBI

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is the domestic intelligence and security service of the United States, and its principal federal law enforcement agency

### The Flood of 1927

This was the most catastrophic river flood to impact the United States inundating parts of Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee. It damaged or destroyed 137,000 buildings, causing 700,000 people to be displaced from their homes, and killing 250 individuals

### From beef to micro chips



A history of the changes in American industry and its economy by looking at the development of the DOW Index .

### The Trail of Tears



The removal by the US Government, of indigenous tribes to designated reservations from 1830-1850.

### Historic US Monuments

Group meeting to discuss a selection of America's prized natural and man-made heritage. Recent examples have included statues, rock carvings and a submarine.

### A history of rock and roll



**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME !**



## What our members say.

*I've been a member of the American History group for many years and learned so much detailed history from listening to others' presentations and reading up for my own contributions. Members' interests range from pre-colonials to 20th century culture. There is always a lot to learn and discuss*

*I enjoy the variety of meetings which include important historic battles and expeditions, societal issues and America's contribution to science and the arts.*

*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 civilisation so much of this history is now freely available on the internet for amateur researchers ... and so much of it still affects us directly one way or another.*

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**Our group, started in 2013, 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 20<sup>th</sup> century.**

**Meetings are a blend of talks and group exercises tailored to Members' interests**

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**Meetings are on alternate Wednesday mornings, Long Lane, Finchley**

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## PROGRAMME 2026

### The Gilded age

The Gilded Age (1870s-1900) was marked by rapid industrialization, immense wealth for a few, and significant poverty for many.

Two contrasting talks:

**J D Rockefeller** (1839 -1937) was an American businessman and philanthropist. As an oil magnate, he was one of the wealthiest Americans of all time.

### Everyday people during the Gilded Age.

This presentation will cover the transformations in the lives of various communities during the gilded age covering agriculture, industry, poverty, religion and immigration

### Heroes and Villains



Group meeting to discuss notable or notorious characters from American history. Past events have included presidents, politicians, campaigners, abolitionists, entertainers and authors.