



## Resource List: On the Importance of History Suggestions to recharge your curiosity!

Based on California Humanities' staff, speakers and partner input.

### To Read: Explore relevant books and articles

#### Selection of Books by Speakers

Books by Alan Taylor <http://history.virginia.edu/user/400> include:

- The Internal Enemy: Slavery and War in Virginia, 1772-1832
- The Civil War of 1812: American Citizens, British Subjects, Irish Rebels, & Indian

Books by Elizabeth Fenn <http://www.colorado.edu/history/elizabeth-fenn>

- Pox Americana: The Great Smallpox Epidemic of 1775-82
- Encounters at the Heart of the World: A History of the Mandan People

Books by William Frances Deverell <https://dornsife.usc.edu/cf/faculty-and-staff/faculty.cfm?pid=1003206>

- To Bind Up the Nation's Wounds: The American West After the Civil War
- Whitewash Adobe: The Rise of Los Angeles and the Remaking of Its Mexican Past

[Wisdom Sits in Places](#) by Keith Basso - perspectives on significance of places in the Apache culture

[Quilts With a Sense of Place, Stitched in Oakland](#) by Patricia Leigh Brown, New York Times, February 2, 2016 - the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland imbue their perspective of the city's history and social complexity into their creations

[The Horseman on the Roof](#) by Jean Giono - an exiled nobleman's adventures through cholera-ridden Europe

[Los Angeles: Portrait of a City](#) by Jim Heimann - photographic tribute to the City of Angels

[The Past Is a Foreign Country](#) by David Lowenthal - an examination of human-kind's relationship with the past

[And the Band Played On: Politics, People and the AIDS epidemic](#) by Randy Shilts - San Francisco journalist chronicles the discovery and spread of HIV and AIDS highlighting government indifference and political infighting

### To Listen: Learn on the go with radio and podcasts

[Pod City: 19 History Podcasts to Delight Your Brain](#) by Whitney Matheson, mentalfloss.com - assembled list of recommended history-themed podcasts

[Can an Immersive Video Game Teach the Nuances of American History?](#) by Katrina Schwartz, KQED, August 7, 2015 - discussion of the immersive role-playing game for high school students to better understand important historical moments

[In honor of Pulitzer's centennial, scholars bring important conversations to California cities](#) by Airtalk, KPCC, March 24, 2016 - Bill Deverell and Alan Taylor provide overview of the *On the Road with California Humanities* series and first panel on the Importance of Historical Relevance

### To Watch: Engage in important California stories through film

• [Agents of Change: Black Students and the Transformation of the American University](#) - the untold story of the racial

• [No Más Bebés?](#) - The story of immigrant mothers pushed into sterilizations while giving birth at the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center during the 1960s and '70s

• [We Were Here: Voices from the AIDS Years in San Francisco](#) - A film that revisits San Francisco a decade later, as its flourishing gay community is hit with an unimaginable disaster

• [Bridging the Divide: Tom Bradley and the Politics of Race](#) - An overlooked story in American politics, Tom Bradley's 1973 election as Mayor of Los Angeles tested the possibility of bridging racial barriers

### To Do: Activate your curiosity

**Visit** your local history museum or historical society

**Conduct** your own research; a variety of collections are available through the [Huntington Digital Library](#)

**Become** your own historian through the [StoryCorps App](#)




**Climb** on board a bus adventure into the secret heart of Los Angeles through [Esotouric](#)

**Connect** with others to share your love of history through the [Los Angeles History & Culture Meetup](#)

**Join** the [Pulitzer Prizes Reading Challenge](#) - read a Pulitzer winner from each of the seven categories or read seven Pulitzer winners from one of the categories in 2016

**Play a video game!** [Mission US: An Interactive Way to Learn History](#)

**Share** what you learned with your neighbor, your co-worker, with us! Please send Erin Menne your takeaway ideas and

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