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 Epidemic - 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 feedback at emenne@calhum.org or @Cal_Humanities
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