

Select List of History Podcast Shows

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The following are podcasts related to history that I have subscribed for free through the iTunes Podcast service. I do not claim to listen to all the episodes obviously. However, I go through and select episodes of particular interest. I do make sure to download all episodes and went into the settings for my podcasts so that past episodes that are played do not automatically become deleted. Apple does that by default so that your hard drive is not becoming overloaded with media that you may not ever play again. While this is not a big issue with most audio podcasts, some video podcasts have enormous file sizes simply because it takes more room to provide them. Several of my personal favorites are the video podcasts from NASA. If you subscribe to the HD quality video podcasts, individual episodes can exceed 200 MB. Fortunately, most recent personal computers are increasingly providing standard hard drives of a terabyte or more. As a history teacher, I like to keep all the episodes for future reference. I think of them as my personal library like some people like to collect movie DVDs.

In 2013, Apple reported that a billion people world-wide have subscribed to a quarter-million podcasts in 100 languages, and that more than eight million episodes have been published in the iTunes Store thus far. Searching for podcasts through the iTunes Store can be a challenge. The following list is merely a sample of the history podcasts. They were enough of an interest to me to subscribe.

Many of the podcast shows can be subscribed to through iTunes, Google Play Store, and other media subscription services. Since I am most familiar with the Apple media ecosystem, the following podcasts are available through the Apple iTunes store. These are identified by the iTunes name appearing in the title line for the podcast. Formal subscription to the podcasts are not required for some of the series. With these podcasts, go to the podcast web site and click on the show to immediately listen to it. A few of the podcasts are available through the iTunesU in the Apple iTunes store. Those podcasts are identified below with iTunesU. These will not appear in the search window if you look in the Apple iTunes Podcast page. You need to select the iTunesU library instead.

Using iTunes makes subscribing process easier for the podcast series. If the iTunes name appears in the podcast title line, go to the iTunes web site after you have downloaded the software to your computer (available for free from <http://iTunes.com>). Type the name of the podcast into the search window within iTunes and a window will open with information about the podcast. Simply click on the “subscribe” button within this window and the podcast series is automatically downloaded to your iTunes library account. New ones are automatically posted in the future. If you use another subscription service other than iTunes, or if the podcast show is not listed in the iTunes directory, you may need to enter the “subscription link” address by copying this link URL into your podcasting software (*like iTunes, Juice, iPodder, or other RSS radio podcast client*). This link is different than the URL for the web page.

American Military History Podcast (Audio)

Website <http://americanmilitaryhistorypodcast.com/>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/american-military-history/id1010708661?mt=2>

The American Military History Podcast is dedicated to telling the story of American history through the eyes of its military men and women. Starting with the Revolutionary War we'll cover military engagements through present day, as well as taking a few stops along the way to learn about the history of each of the branches of the American Military (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force) and anything else that pops up in between!

Battleground (Video)

Website <http://www.pentagonchannel.mil/shows/battleground.aspx>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/battleground/id286262857?mt=2>

Battleground is one of 23 produced by the Pentagon Channel (Department of Defense). It features historic films from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and recent conflicts in the Middle East.

Battles of the First World War Podcast (Audio)

Website <http://www.firstworldwarpodcast.com/>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/battles-first-world-war-podcast/id1119044000?mt=2>

The Battles of the First World War Podcast is a new podcast that looks to go in-depth into the battles of the Great War of 1914-1918. The goal is to really go into the details of how and why these battles unfolded and happened as they did. In telling the narrative of these clashes we can revisit some of the stories of the men and women who lived, fought, and died during the first titanic struggle of the 20th Century, for these people have stories that deserve to be told.

Colonial Williamsburg Past and Present (Audio)

Web site <http://podcast.history.org/>

Subscription link

(Audio) <https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/colonial-williamsburg-history/id73907438?mt=2>

(Video) <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/colonial-williamsburg-video/id365583994?mt=2>

Since 2005, "Past and Present" has taken you behind the scenes to meet interpreters, chefs, tradesmen, musicians, historians, curators, and more. We offer two versions of our podcast: one that's audio-only and one that includes a slideshow.

FDR Fireside Chats 1933-1944 (Audio)

Website <http://oldtimeradiodvd.com/>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/fdr-fireside-chats-1933-1944/id317372896?mt=2>

Fifty of FDR's Fireside Chat audio recordings from the Great Depression through WWII.

First Person: Conversations with Survivors of the Holocaust (Audio)

Website

<http://www.ushmm.org/information/museum-programs-and-calendar/first-person-program/first-person-podcast>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/first-person-podcast/id299747104?mt=2>

Produced by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the podcast features survivors of the Nazi Holocaust during WWII.

Footnoting History (Audio)

Website <http://footnotinghistory.blogspot.com/>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/footnoting-history/id603173915?mt=2>

Footnoting History is a bi-weekly podcast series dedicated to overlooked, unknown, and exciting stories plucked from the footnotes of history. We do our best to keep each episode brief without skimping on the fun parts. Sometimes, we get so excited about a topic that we develop an entire series around it.

Great Moments in History (Audio)

Website <http://podiobooks.com/title/great-moments-in-history/>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/great-moments-in-history/id168576672?mt=2>

Ten momentous events in World and American history, covered by live, on-the-spot newscasters. These are "first-hand" dramatizations enhanced by full-range, professional sound effects. Experience real historic events as they happen: Charge with the Athenians at Marathon; die with the Spartan 300 at the tragedy of Thermopylae; and thrill to the final Greek victory at Plataea. This series was initially marketed to schools in the early 1970's, and distributed on albums and cassette tapes. Now, 35 years later, thanks to digital technology and podiobooks.com, a new generation is able to enjoy these truly remarkable programs.

Great Speeches in History (Audio)

Website

<http://www.learnoutloud.com/Catalog/History/Speeches/Great-Speeches-in-History-Podcast/21306>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/great-speeches-in-history/id204935202?mt=2>

The podcast is devoted to the great thinkers, statesman and other public orators that have graced us throughout history with their words.

Historic Audio (Audio)

Website none

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/historic-audio/id1128267979?mt=2>

Voices from history restored from private collections.

Historic Voices Podcast: Global History and Culture (Audio)

Website: <http://historicvoices.org>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/historic-voices-podcast-global/id1184978381?mt=2>

Each podcast will feature voices of important people from the past. Some episodes will bring the voices of political leaders, common citizens who living during extraordinary times, and occasional entertainers who helped Americans live through difficult times. The host provides a short introduction to the program and then another at the end to provide more historical context for the audio recording. Historic Voices Podcast brings the voices from the past that make history alive through their personal accounts and public speeches.

Historically Thinking: Conversation about Historical Knowledge (Audio)

Website <http://historicallythinking.org/>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/historically-thinking-conversations/id965914326?mt=2>

Each intellectual discipline trains its students to consider a subject through a particular set of lenses working together, just as an optometrist uses a combination of lenses to test a patient's

vision and arrive at the right prescription. Medical doctors and lawyers learn to think precisely about bodies and laws; historians and historical thinkers learn to approach the past with a distinctive rigor. On this podcast I talk with historians and non-historians—doctors and lawyers, car mechanics and police officers, social workers and insurance examiners, and countless others—who think historically. I hope you'll join us.

History According to Bob (Audio)

Website <http://www.summahistorica.com/>

Subscription link <http://www.summahistorica.com/podcast/rss.xml> You will need to manually copy and paste this url into iTunes. Go to the “file” tab in top menu bar. Selected “subscribe to podcast” on the dropdown menu. Copy and paste into the box.

Professor Robert (Bob) Packard loves to tell stories of the real people behind the often sterile descriptions found in history texts. His conversational style, filled with anecdotes, quips, and humor, will bring to life the characters of history. Thus far, he was recorded well over 3,000 episodes. Go to his website to purchase previous episodes. Highly recommended.

History of Ancient Greece (Audio)

Web site <http://thehistoryofancientgreece.com/>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/the-history-of-ancient-greece/id1100563458?mt=2>

A podcast series covering Ancient Greek political, social, and cultural history from prehistory to the Roman conquest.

The History of Exploration Podcast (Audio)

Website <http://historyofexploration.libsyn.com/podcast>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/the-history-of-exploration/id1092666716?mt=2>

He looks at exploration throughout history.

History Extra (Audio)

Website <https://www.acast.com/historyextra>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/history-extra-podcast/id256580326?mt=2>

The latest news from the team behind BBC History Magazine - a popular History magazine. To find out more, visit www.historyextra.com

History of the Great War (Audio)

Website <http://www.historyofthegreatwar.com/>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/history-of-the-great-war/id894243371?mt=2>

Week by week through the War to End All Wars.

The History Network (Audio)

Website <http://thehistorynetwork.org/>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/the-history-network/id186884743?mt=2>

Since 2005, the team has produced episodes that cover military history from battles to generals to equipment. The same team is now produced WW2 Podcast.

HistoryPod (Audio)

Website <http://www.historypod.net/>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/historypod/id975664177?mt=2>

The website and podcast have been created to present detailed yet concise accounts of a key event from each day in history. History Pod is written and presented by Scott Allsop, an

experienced History teacher and graduate of the University of Cambridge. In addition to History Pod, he also runs www.MrAllsopHistory.com, an award winning educational website. His work has been featured in the national press, and he has made a number of television and radio appearances discussing different aspects of History. There is no formula to determine which event will be featured each day. The only requirement is that each entry should be interesting or significant in some way or another. Therefore events might veer from medieval religion to 20th century economics, from the Wild West to the Space Race, and from Ancient Rome to the Victorian England. If there is a particular historical anniversary that you would like to suggest for inclusion, please contact us. Each event is thoroughly researched in order to ensure factual accuracy. Where appropriate we will also seek to address common misconceptions or urban myths. However, we recognize that despite our best endeavors some errors may still slip through. If you spot any inaccuracies, please get in touch.

History Podcast (Audio)

Website <http://historyonair.com/>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/history-podcast/id73800207?mt=2>

The podcast is devoted to learning about historical figures, events and places. It all started in June of 2005, when our first episode was published to a blogger blog. I wanted to create a podcast that would go over a historical subject briefly, so the listener could get a taste of the subject. Then, if they wanted to learn more, they could go to the website and using the resources presented there, learn more. Since I started I have published over 100 episodes. The podcast now has about 3.2 million downloads since I started. Most of the topics covered on History Podcast are requests sent via email from listeners. You can email him at historypodcast@gmail.com to make your own request.

History of WWII Podcast (Audio)

Website <http://worldwariipodcast.net/wordpress/>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/history-wwii-podcast-by-ray/id493253759?mt=2>

Detailed episodes of WWII. Nearly episodes available.

Historyzine: The History Podcast (Audio)

Website <http://historyzine.com/>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/historyzine-history-podcast/id268685150?mt=2>

History narrative, linguistic history trivia, and history podcast reviews.

In Our Time: History (Audio)

Website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01dh5yg>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/in-our-time-history/id463700741?mt=2>

Produced by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), the podcast series covers historical themes, events and key individuals from Akhenaten to Xenophon.

IWM (Imperial War Museums) First World War Galleries (Audio)

Website <http://www.iwm.org.uk/>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/iwm-first-world-war-galleries/id903867223?mt=2>

IWM curators and historians highlight some of the stories of the First World War Galleries. IWM is unique in its coverage of conflicts, especially those involving Britain and the Commonwealth, from the First World War to the present day. We seek to provide for, and to encourage, the study and understanding of the history of modern war and 'wartime experience'. We are proud

to be regarded as essential sights of London, Cambridgeshire and Greater Manchester. IWM is a family of five museums: IWM London; IWM North in Trafford, Greater Manchester; IWM Duxford near Cambridge; the Churchill War Rooms in Whitehall, London; and the historic ship HMS Belfast, moored in the Pool of London on the River Thames. The information on this website tells you about the permanent displays, the archives, special exhibitions, forthcoming events, education programs, corporate hospitality and shopping facilities.

IWM Voices of the First World War (Audio)

Website <http://www.iwm.org.uk/>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/iwm-voices-first-world-war/id446748876?mt=2>

Hear about the First World War from those who were there. This series uses original recordings to mark the centenary of 1914. Find transcripts, photos, and more at <http://www.1914.org>

Journey's Into American History (Audio)

Website none

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/journeys-into-american-history/id288416112?mt=2>

A wide range of historical topics from American history are covered in the series from the golden age of radio. History is recreated through actors replaying historic events. This podcast rebroadcasts a series of radio shows from the 1930s through 1950s including the *Cavalcade of America*.

Korea: The Unfinished War (Audio)

Website none

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/tr/itunes-u/korea-the-unfinished-war/id387562865?mt=10>

This seven episode podcast provides oral histories of the veterans who fought in this war. To fully grasp the current tensions between the U.S. and North Korea, it is important to understand the Korean War, which ended 50 years ago. Examine the often-overlooked war that helped define global politics and American life for the second half of the 20th century.

Matt's Today in History (Audio)

Website <http://matts.libsyn.com/>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/matts-today-in-history/id504459875?mt=2>

A short summary of the historical events that shaped the world on a particular day. One of the most popular podcasts ever. Nearly 500 episodes produced.

Military HD (Video)

Website <https://www.dvidshub.net/>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/military-hd/id289484726?mt=2>

Features stories about U.S. service members and military operations from around the world. Nearly 300 video episodes. Produced by the Defense Video Imagery Distribution System (DVIDS) of the U.S. Military. Search their website for dozens of additional podcasts.

Military History Podcast (Audio)

Website <http://www.militaryhistorypodcast.com/>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/military-history-podcast/id79905598?mt=2>

The podcast showcases the strangest anecdotes, innovative technology, and most significant events of military history.

NC WWII Experience (Video)

Website <http://wwii.unctv.org/>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/nc-ww-ii-experience-unc-tv/id260218279?mt=2>

UNC-TV honors North Carolina's Greatest Generation through remarkable archival film footage and photographs, and revealing personal interviews with 25 men and women who lived it.

Pritzker Military Library Podcasts [iTunes]

Website <http://www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org/podcast/>

Subscription link http://www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org/podcast/pml_feed.xml

The Pritzker Military Library offers podcasts of some of its most popular and recent events at the Library. There are several different series, each with its own subscription.

Remembering WWII: First-Person Accounts – European Theater (Video, filed under iTunesU directory)

Website none

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/itunes-u/remembering-wwii-first-person/id431446901?mt=10>

Individual video history narratives of World War II - accounts from different countries, cultures and ethnic perspectives, as well as from several sides of the conflict. They include stories from the different theaters of war, front lines, home front, death camps and internment camps. They are told by soldiers, war brides, support personnel, sisters, nurses, Holocaust survivors, prisoners of war and children - all now in their senior years.

Remembering WWII: First-Person Accounts – The Holocaust (Video, iTunesU)

Website none

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/tr/itunes-u/remembering-wwii-first-person/id431447080?mt=10>

See above description.

Remembering WWII: First-Person Accounts – The Home Front (Video, iTunesU)

Website none

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/itunes-u/remembering-wwii-first-person/id431447098?mt=10>

See above description.

Remembering WWII: First-Person Accounts – Pacific Theater (Video, iTunesU)

Website none

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/itunes-u/remembering-wwii-first-person/id431447001?mt=10>

See above description.

Revolutions (Audio)

Website <http://www.revolutionspodcast.com/>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/revolutions/id703889772?mt=2>

A weekly podcast series examining great political revolutions. Mike Duncan grew up outside of Seattle, WA and has a degree in Political Science from Western Washington University. After completing *The History of Rome* podcast he studied Public History at Texas State University but dropped everything to move to Madison WI where he now changes diapers, writes short cartoon histories and produces the *Revolutions Podcast*.

Then and Now Podcast: Global History and Culture (Audio)

Website <http://thenandnow.org>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/then-now-podcast-global-history/id204644162?mt=2>

The primary purpose of the podcast is a review of topics in a first-year college student global history course taught at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Previous episodes provide some special podcasts of interviews with people and their encounters with history events and music specials that feature music from a country and commentary of how the music is reflective of their culture. Most episodes feature the voices of the class instructor and the students.

Today in History (Audio)

Website <http://sleepybandit.github.io/TodayInHistory/>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/today-in-history/id1004270236?mt=2>

This podcast is created entirely by a computer program that scans history websites such as history.com RSS for new content. History is something the podcaster enjoy learning about, so it seemed like a great fit for my next project.

Veterans Chronicles (Audio)

Website <http://www.radioamerica.com/program/veterans-chronicles/>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/veterans-chronicles/id268683465?mt=2>

Veterans Chronicles is an hour-long program that tells the stories of America's greatest heroes in their own words. Featuring interviews with eyewitnesses to the great, and tragic, moments in military history. From D-Day to Iwo Jima, Khe Sanh to the "Hanoi Hilton", Baghdad to Fallujah, the liberation of Grenada to the liberation of Afghanistan; Veterans Chronicles is history told from the perspective of those who were there. Included in each show are archival recordings, which take listeners back to a time when heroes were made. The program also includes short features, including "Heroes of the Air," "World War II Chronicles," and "Vox Pop."

Voices on Antisemitism (Audio)

Web site <http://www.ushmm.org/confront-antisemitism/antisemitism-podcast>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/voices-on-antisemitism/id204816557?mt=2>

From the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, provides monthly episodes focusing on antisemitism and hatred both today and yesterday.

Voices of the First World War (Audio)

Website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03t7p9l>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/voices-of-the-first-world-war/id933873773?mt=2>

Dan Snow brings together the sound archive collections of the Imperial War Museums and the BBC for the first time to tell the story of World War I through the voices of those who were there.

Voices of Genocide Prevention (Audio, filed under iTunesU directory)

Website none

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/tr/itunes-u/voices-on-genocide-prevention/id427279111?mt=10>

This podcast is produced by the U.S. Holocaust Museum and focuses on genocide and the voices of human rights defenders, experts, advocates, and government officials.

When Diplomacy Fails Podcast (Audio)

Website <https://www.acast.com/whendiplomacyfails>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/when-diplomacy-fails-podcast/id528826104?mt=2>

A weekly podcast covering the build up to, breakout of and consequences of various conflicts in history.

Words at War – Stories from WWII (Audio)

Website none

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/words-at-war-stories-from-wwii/id130212999?mt=2>

This podcast is an anthology of war studies “told by the men and women who have seen the happen.” It is produced in cooperation with the Council on books in Wartime. Each 30 minute show provides “a living record of this war and things for which we found.”

World War One – Separate Stories Podcast (Audio)

Website <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/worldwarone/>

Subscription link

<https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/world-war-one-separate-stories/id891525555?mt=2>

Produced by ABC Radio National, to mark the centenary of WWI, this series focuses on WWI and the role of Australia in it.

World War One (Audio)

Website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02sx794>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/world-war-one/id824164262?mt=2>

Produced by the BBC, the events of the first truly global war and its devastating and far reaching impact.

World War One Podcast (Audio)

Website <http://www.macarthurmemorial.org/367/World-War-I-Podcast-Series>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/world-war-i-podcast/id546354453?mt=2>

Produced by the MacArthur Memorial, this podcast explores the causes, the major players, the battles, the technology, and the popular culture of World War I.

WWII in Hampton Roads (Video)

Website none

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/wwii-in-hampton-roads/id266194544?mt=2>

Short video interviews with WWII veterans from the PBS Series “The War”.

World War II in the News (Video, filed under iTunesU directory)

Website none

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/tr/itunes-u/world-war-ii-in-the-news/id467116163?mt=10>

From the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration, this is a collection of news reels that provide a visual journey through World War II. These authentic World War II newsreels helped bring news of the war back to those on the home front.

WW1 At Home – Radio Ulster (Audio)

Website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03w7h8h>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/world-war-one-at-home/id827670840?mt=2>

Produced by the Imperial War Museum, the IWM marks the centenary of the war through stories and events linked to places across Ireland. Introduced by Helen Mark.

WW2 Podcast (Audio)

Website <http://www.ww2podcast.com/>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/the-ww2-podcast/id982003188?mt=2>

The same people who developed The History Network.org podcast series brings a new one. From their website, "But my passion has always been the history of Second World War. When my father was called up in 1944, he joined the RASC, and I had two uncles in the RAF (one on Lancaster Bombers and the other on Sunderland Flying boats). Many of my parents' friends had served in various roles, from crucial war service such as "Bevin Boy" to Radar operators in the Navy. With the WW2 Podcast I interview an expert on a subject. No topics are out of bounds (as yet), and I cover the military history aspect as well as looking at the home front. Hopefully the format allows for close examination of a topic, and makes for absorbing listen.

WW2: War and Words (Audio)

Website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02ypjy0>

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/ww2-war-and-words/id1025746134?mt=2>

Produced by the BBC, the story of the 20 momentous years from 1936 to 1956 that changed the course of history, as told by Jonathan Dimbleby and through the words of remarkable BBC correspondents.

You Are There! (Audio)

Website none

Subscription link <https://itunes.apple.com/tr/podcast/you-are-there!-podcast/id288417348?mt=2>

A remarkable 50 episode radio drama from the golden era of radio in the 1930s that reenacts historic events from great antiquity to today with 30 minute episodes.