

WHAT'S IN OUR SHOW:

Obviously it is impossible to cover EVERY detail of the last 250 years plus of American history, so we have chosen to focus on the following areas:

- 1) The Birth of our Country
- 2) The Concept of Manifest Destiny and the 50 states that resulted from that!
- 3) The Wild Wild West and Gold Rush
- 4) Abe Lincoln and the Presidents before and after
- 5) WW1 and WW2 and the Great Generation
- 6) The Power of American Invention and the great American Inventors
- 7) The 60's: a time of Great Dreams; the music, the space age and Martin Luther King
- 8) The Future: the kids in the Audience!

All material is, of course, presented in a Politically Correct and Age Appropriate manner!

Idea's for Discussion:

The American Revolution.

Who was our first President (tricky answer!)? What was the Constitution and why did congress feel we needed one? Why did the 13 colonies WANT to break away from British Rule? Which European countries helped the colonists and why? What is the Bill of Rights? Who said 1 if by land, 2 if by sea and what on earth was he talking about?

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Manifest Destiny and our 50 States.

What is Manifest Destiny and how did that way of thinking build our country? Please have kids learn 50 states song if possible!

[INCLUDE LINK TO LYRICS](#) and [MUSIC DOWN LOAD.](#)
[WHEN WE FIX "WYOMING,](#) a [LINK TO THE FULL LENGTH VID AS WELL](#)

LYRICS:

SONG LYRICS FOR 50 STATES SONG:

When I was a kid I studied U S geography

My teacher said "Would you stand up and list the states for me?"

My knees began a knocking

My words came out all wrong

Then suddenly I burst out with this silly little song!

Alabama and Alaska Arizona Arkansas

California Colorado and Connecticut and more

Delaware Florida Georgia then Hawaii Idaho Illinois Indiana

Iowa still thirty-five to go

Kansas and Kentucky, Louisiana Maine

Maryland Massachusetts and Good old Michigan

Minnesota Mississippi Missouri and Montana

then Nebraska's twenty seven number twenty eights Nevada

Net New Hampshire and New Jersey and way down New

Mexico

There's New York, North Carolina North Dakota Ohio

Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvania Now let see Rhode Island

South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee

Texas and there's Utah

Vermont I'm almost through

Virginia then there's Washington and West Virginia too

Could Wisconsin be the last one or is it 49

No Wyoming is the last state in the first states that RHYME

I sat down all out of breath the teacher said "THAT'S GREAT

I'm quite impressed u were the best in listing all the states!

But if u wanna get and A for that silly little rhyme

Stand back up and sing that song but do it double time!"

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The Wild Wild West and the Gold Rush and Immigration.

Why was the west so wild and where was everyone rushing to? How did the Gold Rush help create our country and how did the railroad and the gold rush increase immigration to our country?

[LINK TO AUCTIONEER FULL LENGTH](#)

Abe Lincoln and the rest of the “club of presidents”.

How our government works: the branches and the two party system. Lyrics and music to the Presidential Overture available. Do you think the 4 year term is a good idea, or would one 6 year be better, and why?

18th Century

1. George Washington

2. John Adams

19th Century

3. Thomas Jefferson

15. James Buchanan

4. James Madison

16. Abraham Lincoln

5. James Monroe

17. Andrew Johnson

6. John Quincy Adams

18. Ulysses S. Grant

7. Andrew Jackson

19. Rutherford B. Hayes

8. Martin Van Buren

20. James Garfield

9. William Henry Harrison

21. Chester A. Arthur

10. John Tyler

22. Grover Cleveland

11. James K. Polk

23. Benjamin Harrison

12. Zachary Taylor

24. Grover Cleveland

13. Millard Fillmore

25. William McKinley

14. Franklin Pierce

20th Century

26. Theodore Roosevelt

27. William Howard Taft

28. Woodrow Wilson

29. Warren G. Harding

30. Calvin Coolidge

31. Herbert Hoover

32. Franklin D. Roosevelt

33. Harry S. Truman

34. Dwight D. Eisenhower

21st Century

43. George W. Bush

35. John F. Kennedy

36. Lyndon B. Johnson

37. Richard M. Nixon

38. Gerald R. Ford

39. James Carter

40. Ronald Reagan

41. George H. W. Bush

42. William J. Clinton

44. Barack Obama

WW1 WW2 and The Great Depression and Generation.

Who were the Allies and who were the Axis? What were the political, geopolitical and financial reasons for the wars' beginnings. What caused the Great Depression and how is it similar to what caused our current recession? What are the 4 branches of the Military, what are they known for, and what were the great battles of the two great wars?

The Power Of Invention.

One of the greatest powers of America have been not military by nature but the excellence of our inventors. Some invented things we can't do without (Edison/light bulb) others things we don't WANT to do without (Carver/peanut butter). What would YOU invent if you could?

The 60's... a time of Great Dreams!

A generation speaks out! Women's Rights, Civil Rights and a race to space! Why do you think that this generation chose to rebel? Were they right to stand up for what they believed in? What would YOU have done? The race to space; why was it important for American to be the first to

land on the moon? Who was Martin Luther King and what did he accomplish? Do you think there is equality in this country?

What is the Future of this Country..... YOU!

What do you want to do when you get older? What are the steps you can take NOW to move in that direction? What matters to YOU and how do you think you could peacefully go about manifesting that change when you become an adult?