

HISTORY



Roundtable est. 2017

{meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

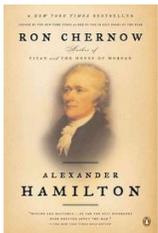
August's Topic: Favorite Founding Fathers

Meeting Date: Thursday, August 24th at 6:30pm

Register at www.greenwoodlibrary.us or by calling 317-885-5036

Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to a founding father of the United States. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your choice for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

Books:

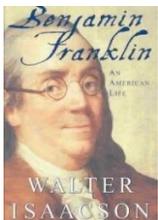


[Alexander Hamilton](#) by Ron Chernow – BIO HAMILTON

- Audiobook via <http://evergreen.lib.in.us>*

- eBook and eAudio on <https://cidc.overdrive.com>*

Ron Chernow tells the story of a man who overcame all odds to shape, inspire, and scandalize the newborn America. Few figures in American history have been more hotly debated or more grossly misunderstood than Alexander Hamilton.

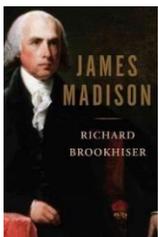


[Benjamin Franklin: An American Life](#) by Walter Isaacson – BIO FRANKLIN

- Audiobook and Large Print via <http://evergreen.lib.in.us>*

- eAudio on <https://www.hoopladigital.com>*

Chronicles the founding father's life and his multiple careers as a shopkeeper, writer, inventor, media baron, scientist, diplomat, business strategist, and political leader, while showing how his faith in the wisdom of the common citizen helped to forge an American national identity based on the virtues of its middle class.

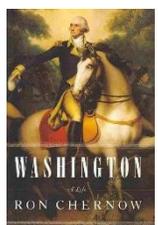


[James Madison](#) by Richard Brookhiser – BIO MADISON

- eBook on <https://cidc.overdrive.com>*

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Chronicles the life and career of the fourth American president, including his work constructing the U.S. Constitution, his role in shaping American politics, his influence on partisan journalism, and his leadership during the War of 1812.

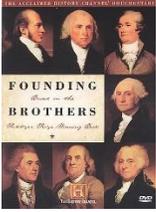


[Washington: A Life](#) by Ron Chernow – BIO WASHINGTON

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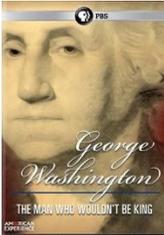
Celebrated biographer Ron Chernow provides a richly nuanced portrait of the father of our nation, dashing forever the stereotype of a stolid, unemotional man, and revealing an astute and surprising portrait of a canny political genius who knew how to inspire people.

Documentaries:



[Founding Brothers](#) – DVD 973.4 FOU v. 1 & 2

Begins with a look at two of the many crises faced by George Washington during his term as America's first president. Washington surrounded himself with brilliant men who were bound by their undying devotion to America, but who were often bitterly divided about how best to serve their common cause.



[George Washington: The Man Who Wouldn't Be King](#) by PBS's American Experience – available on <https://www.hoopladigital.com>*

This film gives an unconventional look at the man who insisted that America be a democracy.

Podcasts:



[Alexander Hamilton vs. Aaron Burr](#) – Stuff You Missed in History Class

<http://www.missedinhistory.com/podcasts/alexander-hamilton-vs-aaron-burr.htm>

As political rivals, Hamilton and Burr began a bitter exchange of insults, leading to a duel in 1804 that resulted in Hamilton's death. Learn about the ideas that drove Hamilton and Burr to violence in this podcast from HowStuffWorks.com.

[Hercules Mulligan, Spy on the Inside Pt. I](#) – Stuff You Missed in History Class

<http://www.missedinhistory.com/podcasts/hercules-mulligan-spy-on-the-inside-pt-1.htm>

[Hercules Mulligan, Spy on the Inside Pt. II](#) – Stuff You Missed in History Class

<http://www.missedinhistory.com/podcasts/hercules-mulligan-spy-on-the-inside-pt-2.htm>

Hercules Mulligan was indeed a real person who passed intelligence to George Washington, mostly through two means - one was an enslaved man named Cato, and the other was the Culper Spy Ring.

[How Thomas Jefferson Worked](#) – Stuff You Missed in History Class

<http://www.missedinhistory.com/podcasts/how-thomas-jefferson-worked.htm>

Thomas Jefferson's life was peppered with accomplishments -- but what about the disparity between his public image and private life? Check out our HowStuffWorks article to learn more about the fact and fiction surrounding Thomas Jefferson.

Online Videos:



[Crash Course: US History #10](#) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Ox6vGteek>

In which John Green teaches you about founding father and third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson is a somewhat controversial figure in American history, largely because he, like pretty much all humans, was a big bundle of contradictions.

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