





History Podcast Recommendations




As most of you know, I spend almost 2 hours a day in the car getting from my house to our wonderful school. This gives me lots of great time to listen to podcasts. There are so many amazing history podcasts out there! I've chosen a few of my favourites.

These are all available on iTunes and Spotify. Try listening whole cooking, playing video games, at the gym, walking the dog, on the way to school etc.



Podcast Series	Mr Leaman's Favourite episode
Not Just The Tudors 	Treasures from the National Trust Collections Dr Tarnya Cooper is the Curatorial and Collections Director at the National Trust. For her recent book, 125 Treasures from the Collections of the National Trust, she and 60 curators brought together the most extraordinary objects that can be found in National Trust properties around the country. In this edition of Not Just the Tudors, She joins Suzannah Lipscomb with her pick of her 12 favourite items, from Cardinal Wolsey's purse to a "spangled bed."
Short History of... 	Alcatraz Cloaked in secrecy, discussed by even the most hardened criminals as a place of terror, US Penitentiary Alcatraz is the most feared institution in the American penal system. From 1934 to 1963 more than 1500 prisoners pass through its gates, including Machine-Gun Kelly and Scarface himself, Alphonse Capone. But how did this island rock capture the public imagination? What was life really like inside? This is a Short History of Alcatraz.
In Our Time 	Tutankhamun Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss the work of Howard Carter's team in 1922, and the extraordinary contents of Tutankhamun's tomb and what it revealed of Egyptian history.

<p>Warfare</p> 	<p>Nazi Scientists & the Space Race</p> <p>‘One small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind’: in July 1969 the United States successfully landed on the moon. It was part of a race into space which continues to this week and Jeff Bezos’ short voyage. But how was the American space race aided by Nazi Scientists and their barbaric experiments? Eric Lichtblau has returned to Warfare to take us further into Operation Paperclip, through which Nazi scientist like Wernher von Braun and Dr. Hubertus Strughold emigrated to America to aid various projects including the space programme.</p>
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<p>Real Dictators</p> 	<p>Joseph Stalin – The Young Bank Robber</p> <p>Joseph Stalin – the “man of steel” – was the party secretary who plotted a route to absolute power, becoming head of the Eastern Bloc and, in time, chief nemesis of the United States. But how did a man from the Georgian frontier of the Russian Empire do it? In 1917, the 300-year-old Romanov Dynasty collapses. The communist Bolsheviks storm the Winter Palace and seize power. From this band of revolutionaries, a future bloody dictator – a man with an extraordinary backstory – begins to emerge.</p>
<p>Chalke Talk</p> 	<p>134. Max Hastings</p> <p>Catastrophe: Europe Goes to War, 1914. Journalist, editor and acclaimed author Sir Max Hastings tells the story of how Europe went to war in 1914 precipitating the first of the twentieth century’s great tragedies. He challenges the view of some modern historians that British participation was unnecessary and concludes with the Christmas truces when the struggle had lapsed into the stalemate which was to last the next four years.</p>
<p>Dan Snow’s History Hit</p> 	<p>The Irish War of Independence</p> <p>100 years ago the Irish War of Independence was being fought in Ireland as the UK government sought to keep Ireland within the Union while the Irish independence fighters seized control of much of the countryside. Dan and Finn Dwyer, host of the Irish History Podcast, had a good chat about the war and why, under no circumstances at all, must you never ever refer to it as a civil war.</p>
<p>You’re Dead To Me</p>	<p>The Borgias</p> <p>Greg Jenner is joined by historian Prof Catherine Fletcher and comedian Phil Wang in 15th-century Rome as they introduce us to the infamous Borgias family.</p>



The Ancients



10 Key Roman Emperors

Love them or loathe them, the Roman emperors were some of the most influential figures in history. In this episode Barry Strauss, Professor of History and Classics at Cornell University, talks through ten of the most important - starting with Augustus and ending at Constantine.