

Loughbrack Storytelling® Presents: Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller

Slide Presentation Listing

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AMERICAN / BRITISH HISTORY

Titanic Remembered (March 31, 1909 – April 15th, 1912)
Historians call it the end of the Industrial Revolution, but in the early morning hours of April 15, 1912, the great loss of human life would make it much more than a mark in history. The Titanic would be the epitome of ocean liner luxury – a leviathan and marvel of the modern age. Even though “unsinkable”, by 2:30 a.m. on that fateful morning, she would be on the bottom of the cold Atlantic Ocean. You are invited to board the Titanic in this heartfelt lecture which covers not only the loss of life, but the loss of innocence.

Civil War (AD 1861 – AD 1865)

From Abe Lincoln to “the littlest soldier of them all”, this presentation covers the time in our history that split this nation in two. Highlighting a Union drummer boy’s life and the Michigan 22nd Infantry Regiment, this historical overview uses photography to show the people, places, and times that would change this country forever.

Abraham Lincoln (AD1809 – AD 1865)

Two-hundred years ago Abraham Lincoln was born in a small log cabin in Kentucky. Destined for the White House – this honorable, gentle man would resolve to keep the union together, against all odds. Come enjoy our beloved Abraham Lincoln.

WOMEN’S HISTORY

(Remember: March is Women’s History month!)

Women and The Arts (300 BC – AD 1750)

A fabulous discussion of art through the women who not only lived it, but produced some of the world’s most beautiful and powerful pieces of art. . Women artists are discussed, and wonderful portraits of some of the most interesting women in history are shown.

Great Women in History (1300 BC – AD 1600)

So many to cover, it would take a year to include all of these wonderful ladies!! So let me pick from Queen Ankhnesenamun, King Tut’s wife; Hildegard von Bingen of the Middle Ages; King Henry VIII’ six wives; Mary Todd Lincoln; Ida Strauss; and many more!! Come and hear how the women of the past lived and loved.

ASTRONOMY HISTORY

Galileo and His Universe (AD 1564 – AD 1642)

Meet the man who is called “The Father of Modern Science.” From the religious and political climate of his time, to the scientific discoveries that the telescope would bring to Galileo, it was a time of conflict for the truth. Galileo’s universe would set the state for monumental discover and devastating tragedy.

RUSSIAN HISTORY

Russia’s Peter the Great (AD 1672 – 1725)

“I am a student and I seek teachers.” Peter Alekseevich Romanov received a limited education, yet spent his life pursuing knowledge. The Founder of Modern Russia, this Tsar (at age 10) and later Emperor, was a powerhouse of energy. Dragging his people into the European world, he would “open a window on the west” by building St. Petersburg. Come meet Peter the Great, a giant in Russian history! Enhanced by my trip to St. Petersburg, Russia in 2001.

Travelog: St. Petersburg Russia (February, 2001)

For two weeks in 2001, I had the unusual experience of living in St. Petersburg with a Russian family. This lecture gives you a window into Russian life that most people never see. This Russian perspective will inspire you with the grandeur and simple beauty of this incredible city. Come experience this once-in-a-lifetime glimpse into the power that is St. Petersburg, Russia.

ART HISTORY

Art of History (35,000 BC – AD 1970)

Prehistoric cave paintings, King Tut’s finery, manuscripts illumination, Northern Renaissance mastery of detail, portraits of kings and queens of olde, Civil War photography, post-impressionism, photorealism and much more!

Vincent (AD 1853 – AD 1890)

This emotional lecture is full of light and colour. Discussion of Vincent Van Gogh’s troubled life and his wonderful gift to us is included.

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EUROPEAN HISTORY

History of Olde Ireland

(10,000 BC – AD 1400)

Come and enjoy the green! A wee bit of history, a wee bit of blarney. This wonderful lecture covers prehistoric Ireland with its Monolithic Tombs, to Titania's Palace, built for the Queen of the Fairies. This lecture also includes the origins of Halloween.

Middle Ages

Castles, Cathedrals and the Crusades*

(AD 900 – AD 1200)

This lecture covers the massive undertaking of the building of the castles and cathedrals in England and France during the Middle Ages. Information is given regarding workmanship and the influence of the Crusades on architecture.

Maiden's Jewelry and Knight's Armor*

(AD 500 – Ad 1603)

In a presentation full of colour and metals, the progression of metal-smithing in Europe is discussed. A glorious presentation that includes delicate pieces of exquisite self-adornment to massive metal forms of protection and gallantry.

Middle Ages Court Painter* (AD 1390 – AD 1441)

Jan Van Eyck: Middle Ages Court Painter: His mastery of oil painting set the stage for the Artistic Renaissance and gave us landscape, portraiture as it is known today and many other artistic revelations. His masterpiece, The Ghent Alterpiece, was considered to be a Medieval Wonder of the World.

**These above (3) lectures can be combined for a "Best of the Middle Ages" experience.*

ANCIENT HISTORY

King Tut Tomb Discovery (1300 BC / AD 1922)

This wonderful presentation covers the tomb discovery, excavation, and disposition of the most important archeological find to date. Includes a discussion of Egyptian culture at the time of the Pharaohs.

Ch'in Shi Huang Ti, First Emperor of China, and his Terra Cotta Army (259 BC – 210 BC)

This First Emperor of China is known best by the large terra cotta army buried to protect this mausoleum in Xian. Discovered in 1974, it is far from excavated. He is known for his massive building projects, such as the Great Wall and the Grand Chinese Canal.

Henry the VIII and his Court (AD 1491 – AD 1547)

Visit the glorious time of the Tudor Dynasty in England. Hear stories of Henry VIII, his six wives, their children, and many others who fueled the cataclysmic change called the Reformation.

Elizabeth the Great of England (AD 1533 – AD 1603)

Good choice for Women's History Month

Henry VIII's daughter; England's Glorianna. The first monarch to have an era named after her. Visit Elizabethan England with a jewel-studded discussion of the life and times of the legendary Elizabeth I of England. Her steady course for England would set the foundation for the colonization of America.

NEW! The Real Tudors (AD 1485 – AD 1603)

You've heard all the stories; you've watched all the mini-series. Now come and hear the real Tudor story. This presentation covers the everyday lives and monumental change that the Tudor dynasty brings to English history. From King Henry VII to King Henry VIII, moving on the King Edward the VI, Queen Mary I and ending gloriously with Queen Elizabeth I – This lecture takes you through one of the most studied, but least understood times in history. With all the glorious and gory details, this presentation will have you enjoying yourself like a Tudor.

HOLIDAY HISTORY

Valentine's Day Couples in History

Come and hear this special St. Valentine's Day lecture covering some of history's most interesting "not so famous" couples. Starting with ancient Egypt and ending in the 20th century, you will hear stories of unconditional love, loyalty, lust, and betrayal too!! So consider yourself invited to explore this famous day of love through the "heart" of history.

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~ Some presentations are supplemented with music, artifacts and miscellany. ~
NO Video Taping Please

Schools:

Third Grade and up, please. Class sizes limited to 60 students unless other arrangements have been made in advance. Presentations can in most cases be made age appropriate.