

# History Calls™



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## MAYAN RUINS

Just a ferry ride away: the Mayan ruins of Tulum, spectacularly sited on the sea cliffs. By motorcoach, you can visit the "monumental" ruins of Chichen Itza.

Explore one of the new Seven Wonders of the World — the world-famous Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza. Chichen Itza is one of the most important and exciting archeological sites on the American continent — the home of one of the great Mayan empires — and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988.



### Drake and the Sea Dogs: England and Spain on the Way to the Armadas

In the Caribbean and far beyond, Sir Francis Drake fought for booty, for England, but mostly for Sir Francis Drake. He and the other "Sea Dogs" fought against the most powerful empire on earth, England, leading to a decades-long war and a series of naval armadas and counter-armadas that changed the face of European politics forever. Gain a perspective on piracy's impacts.

### The Golden Age of the Automobile in America: the 1950s and 1960s

The 1950s were a special time for the automobile in America. The complex interaction between human beings and the car was reflected in contemporary literature, music, and film. Was this really a golden age? Despite the uncertainty and anxiety of the period, for many it was an era of smooth rides and good times. Take a critical look at the role of the automobile in the '50s and '60s.

### The Inner World of Abraham Lincoln

A unified look at Lincoln's human and political evolution gives you a richer context for understanding the historical figure. We'll study the influences on Abraham Lincoln's personal life, especially those of his parents, children, and wife. We'll also examine how Lincoln grew from a rather narrow political partisan in his early career to become a true statesman.

### Did the Civil War Create a New Southern Woman?

From Southern belles to steel magnolias, the image of the Southern women at war has been a powerful one in American culture. Dr. Rable will discuss how a variety of flesh-and-blood women struggled with new and challenging roles, dealt with staggering losses and hardships, and both served and undermined the Confederate cause. Take home a nuanced view of complexities in a society at war.

### Fredericksburg: Battlefield and Beyond

A Confederate victory but a Union story, the significance of Fredericksburg extended far beyond the battlefield. Dr. Rable considers multiple facets: strategic and tactical issues, treatment of the wounded and coming to grips with large scale carnage, and how news of the battle was conveyed. Add to your view of Fredericksburg through unexpected and surprising aspects of the battle.

### Five Uneasy Pieces: Key Decisions that Changed World War II

History is not an inexorable path to one specific result or end. The choices made by the leaders of the Axis and the Allies led to specific actions that led to further choices, none of them inevitable. To understand these decision points is to understand the leaders and events of the time and to understand why World War II turned out the way it did. Scrutinize key decisions of WWII with Richard Stewart, and reflect on how history often rests on a knife's edge.

### Lyndon Johnson and the Vietnam War

Few events in modern history changed America and the world as profoundly as the Vietnam War. Drawing on unpublished sources, Dr. Lichtman will explain how and why President Lyndon B. Johnson launched and continued the war. Learn the source of Johnson's credibility gap, the war's impact on the Democratic Party and Johnson's presidency, and the genesis of Republican Richard Nixon's election in 1968.

### Lincoln's Wartime Leadership

Lincoln's humor, compassion, mercy, and tender-heartedness are well known. Less understood are his grasp of military strategy and his steely determination to defeat the Confederacy and not only free the slaves and preserve the Union, but also to vindicate democracy. Join Dr. Burlingame and get a sense of the skills and attitudes Lincoln brought to bear on the conflict.

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