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History Detectives, 4th – 8th grade

What are the details behind the heroic acts pictured in a poster about two African-American soldiers in World War I? Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) helps find the answer. Then, is this a hand-drawn map of Valley Forge that George Washington used during the American Revolution? And does a Tucson man own one of the first transistor radios ever made? Finally, after 70 years, a Washington man wonders whether a business card ties his father to Prohibition-era underworld crime.

After watching this episode, choose from the following questions and/or tasks to extend your learning

Question Box 1

- What were race relations like during World War I in the US
- What are the requirements for receiving the Medal of Honor? Did Henry Johnson meet those requirements?
- Why was the Johnson print made?
- What was camp life like at Valley Forge?
- Why did European Generals come to the United States during the Revolutionary War
- Why did the revolutionary War map have different names than other Revolutionary War Maps of the time?
- The transistor radio moved the radio out of the parlor and into what?
- Why did the giants of American radios not want to make the transistor radio?
- What were the red triangles for on the transistor radios?

Question Box 2

- What's an artifact that's important to your family's history? Why is it important?
- What was your favorite segment in this episode? Why?
- If you could go back in time, would you? What time in history would you like to visit?

Question Box 3 (Tasks)

- Look up the Harlem Hellfighters? What were they famous for? Did any of them receive the Medal of Honor?

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- What do you use to listen to music now? Trace the historic events of radio from the first radio, to the transistor radio of the 50's to the popular ways that people look at music now?
- Create a map of your neighborhood or town. Use a legend/key (visual explanation of the symbols used on a map) to indicate important places.

Question Box 4 (Enrichment)

- Interview a veteran. Ask them about military life when they served. Ask them how military life changed over the course of their service? What were race relations like during this time? What was their experience with race in the military?
- Don't know a veteran? Visit these links to see veterans being interviewed:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNzrVtUWiBc>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kFhmZUfp65o>

Question Box 5 (Extend/Real-Life)

- Would you like to be a modern detective? Try to solve the cases found at this link:
<http://forensics.rice.edu/index.html>.
- Are you good at using maps? Test your skills here: <https://online.seterra.com/en>
 - Do you enjoy using maps or looking for clues more?
 - What types of careers require the use of maps?
 - What types of careers require looking for clues?
- Can you think of any careers where you would need to use maps and look for clues? Hint: <https://careeralley.com/reading-the-map-6-careers-that-let-you-show-off-your-topography-skills/>
- What classes do you take in school that teach you how to look for clues or read maps?
- Would those classes help you build skills needed for one of the careers featured in the website provided on number 4?