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History Detectives, 4th – 8th grade

Sideshow Babies - A Colorado woman has a silver baby cup engraved "Patricia - 1933. A Century of Progress Chicago." She hopes this 1933 Chicago World's Fair souvenir can unlock the mystery of her mother's unusual start in life HISTORY DETECTIVES host Elyse Luray learns about the forgotten doctor who brought life-saving incubator technology to the USA.

Lubin Photos - A contributor from Branford, Florida, inherited two bulging photo albums, dated 1914 to 1916, that contain hundreds of photos of old silent film stars and a behind-the-scenes look into an enormous film studio empire - not in Hollywood, but Philadelphia. HISTORY DETECTIVES host Tukufu Zuberi takes viewers on an excursion through an early movie mogul's dramatic rise and fall.

Navajo Rug - At auction, a contributor bought a rug whose woven designs intrigued him. A Southwest American history buff, he's fascinated by the rug's central figure of a man with a feathered head holding lightning bolts. HISTORY DETECTIVES guest host Eduardo Pagan meets with a Navajo medicine man and a traditional Navajo weaver and travels to Crownpoint, New Mexico, long considered the center of Navajo weaving. Finally, HISTORY DETECTIVES visits a textile historian to find out who may have been behind this controversial design.

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

Question Box 1

- Why were babies a sideshow at the fair?
- Who was the forgotten doctor who brought life-saving incubator technology to the United States at the turn of the 20th century?
- What was the purpose of an incubator?
- How did visitors to the fair react to the baby sideshow?
- Who is Patricia-1933 as engraved on the cup? How is she significant to this episode?
- Who was Siegmund Lubin? And was Herbie a movie star?
- What kind of designs are typical woven into Navajo rugs?
- What is the importance of Navajo rugs to the Indian culture?
- Who typically weaves a Navajo rug? Did this weaver violate a taboo?
- How was the yarn dyed and prepared? What tools were used to make a rug?
- Describe the rug in this episode. Tell why it is controversial.

Question Box 2

- What about the show stood out to you?
- What parts of it do you particularly like? Dislike? Why?

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- What did/do you enjoy about this program?
- If someone else were looking at this program, what might they learn?
- How do you feel about babies being on exhibit during the World's Fair? Did the benefits outweigh the controversy?
- What are your thoughts regarding the Navajo rug and the image woven into it? Do you think the image was taboo? Why or why not?
- Should some images be restricted from being used in art? Why or why not?

Box 3 (Tasks)

- Research the story of Ota Benga. What happened to him? Research human trafficking in the United States. How is Ota Benga's story similar to modern day slavery? How is it different? What's the role of human trafficking in your area?
- Research the movie "The Birth of a Nation". What were you able to find out about this historic film? It's argued that the film revolutionized the movie industry. It's also credited with revitalizing what organization? How true are either of those claims?
- Research Harvey Houses? How are they similar to restaurants of today? Is there a Harvey House style restaurant in your community? Research the restaurant and determine if it could be an original Harvey House.
- Over decades, Dr. Couney saved over 7,000 babies. If he worked for 3 decades, approximately, how many babies per month were saved?
- Create a timeline of the rise and fall of Siegmund Lubin's rise and fall. Use details from the episode to describe the events.

Box 4 (Enrichment)

- What do you think of Joseph Couney's story? Was he a hero or just a guy trying to make a quick dollar? Who's someone that can be seen as a hero or a villain. How could they be seen as both? How do you see them? Why?

Box 3 (Extend/Real-Life)

- The invention of the incubator was just the beginning. Today there is an entire department that cares for premature babies. To learn more about Neonatal Nursing read this article and watch the short video at this link: <http://nann.org/professional-development/what-is-neonatal-nursing>
- Click on the read more buttons by the topics to answer the following questions:
- What do Neonatal Nurses do?
- How can Neonatal Nurses impact the families of premature babies?
- What steps are required to become a Neonatal Nurse?
- Would you consider a career in medicine?
- Would Neonatal be an option or would you prefer to work in a different specialty? What would your specialty be?