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12:00pm

**History Detectives – 4<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

*Hindenburg Artifact* - A Hoboken, New Jersey, man has a palm-sized, army-green metal box that looks like an instrument panel. German writing indicates the country of origin. Family lore says that a distant relative was among the many bystanders plucking souvenirs from the wreckage of the terrifying disaster. HISTORY DETECTIVES host Elyse Luray travels to Atlanta and the New Jersey landing site of the ill-fated zeppelin to determine if the instrument panel is in fact from the horrifying crash.

*John Adams Book* - A woman in Littleton, New Hampshire, inherited her husband's aunt's belongings, which include a curious late-18th-century book titled Trials of Patriots. It contains what appears to be President John Adams' signature in three places, and includes an inscription, "Charles Adams from His Father, 1794." HISTORY DETECTIVES host Gwendolyn Wright examines the Adams family's correspondence and conflict as they balanced home life with public service.

*Birthplace of Hip Hop* - A hip-hop enthusiast from New York City has always heard that 1520 Sedgwick Avenue in the Bronx is the birthplace of hip-hop. The music led to an entire cultural movement that's altered generational thinking - from politics and race to art and language. HISTORY DETECTIVES host Tukufu Zuberi sets out to examine an inner-city environment that helped lay the foundation for a cultural revolution.

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

**Question Box 1**

- How can they tell if the instrument might have been recovered from the crash site of the Hindenburg in Lakehurst, New Jersey?
- How did this episode explore the possibility of the book belonging to John Adams? What was decided? How does this impact the value of the book?
- How did the changes made to the music at the party not only lead to the creation of a new music style but also of new vocabulary?
- How did the newly created music lead to a cultural movement?
- How were the following impacted by hip-hop: politics and race? art? language? Use details from the episode to support your statements.
- What is the story of how hip-hop started? Who started it and why?

**Question Box 2**

- What would you do if you found a book that you thought was connected to an important historical figure?

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- Why do you think people collect artifacts from a tragic event?
- In your opinion, how does music affect the lives of young people?
- Do you believe music has the power to influence politics, race relations, art and language? Why or why not?
- What is your favorite type of music? Has it influenced your thoughts and beliefs about the world around you? If so, how?
- Do you believe hip hop was created on August 11, 1973 at the party in the Bronx? Use details from the episode to support your opinion.

### **Box 3 (Tasks)**

- Research the prevalent theories behind the crash of the Hindenburg. What are your thoughts as to what happened? What evidence do you have to support your theory?
- Research the birth of hip-hop. What did history detectives leave out?
- Share your findings on how the inner-city environment impacted the residents in the Bronx. Connect those details to the creation of hip hop. How did the environment influence the music and lyrics? Create a hip-hop dance to represent the music.

### **Box 4 (Enrichment)**

- John Adams built connection with his son Charles in discussing law through letters. What's a topic that you could build a connection with either a friend or family member? What about that topic will build connection with the person you're thinking of and what medium would be best for building that connection?
- What's your favorite music genre? Research the birth of your favorite genre of music. How did local culture and customs influence the birth of your music?
- Research how music has affected politics, art, and culture over the decades. Compare and contrast that with how politics, art and culture influence the music. *(ELD) Use a Double Bubble Thinking Map to compare and contrast.* Based on your research, which do you think influences the other the most

### **Box 5 (Extend/Real-Life)**

- This episode explores how the birth of Hip Hop changed generational thinking. The Hip Hop movement fueled the idea and use of newly invented words, or shifts in the use and meaning of words. Watch this short TedTalk on making up new words. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMUv6UWkuWw>
- Once you have watched the video listen to one of your favorite Hip Hop songs and identify and list all of the new or original words. Once you have made your list write what kind of new word it is, for example change in the use of the words, change in the form of the words, blended, and compound.
- Try thinking of four or five new words and create a short rap. Share your new words and your rap with a family member.



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