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12:00pm

History Detectives – 4th thru 8th grade

First, in the segment "Iwo Jima Map," detective Eduardo Pagan investigates the history of a hand-drawn map, taken from the body of a Japanese soldier during the World War II battle of Iwo Jima. *Then, in "Copperhead Cane,"* Wes Cowan follows the story of a cane topped with a coiled snake that has ties to the anti-Abraham Lincoln group, the "Peace Democrats."

Finally, in the segment "Theremin," Elyse Luray traces the origins of the Theremin - one of the first electronic musical instruments - and finds out if a New Mexico man owns one of the fewer than a dozen Theremins in the U.S. built by Leon Theremin himself.

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

Question Box 1

- What was the Battle of Iwo Jima?
- Where did Linda get the map?
- What steps did Eduardo Pagan take to find details about the map of Iwo Jima?
- Which components of the island were detailed on the map? Why would those components have been important during the battle?
- What was the importance of the stamp on the map?
- Who was Henry Clay Dean? Describe him, using details from this episode.
- Why did the anti-Lincoln group call themselves "Copperheads?"
- What is a theremin? Describe it using details from the episode.
- Who was Leon Theremin? What was interesting about his background?
- Was this instrument an original Theremin?

Question Box 2

- What story did you find most interesting and why?
- Did you enjoy the sounds made by the Theremin? Why or Why not?
- What is your favorite instrument and why?
- Do certain instruments and/or types of music influence your thoughts or moods? How does music influence our thoughts and feelings in a movie?

Box 3 (Tasks)

- What became of the six men who hung the flag in Iwo Jima?
- Research the draft Riots during the Civil War? Where else did they have riots?

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- Research the copperheads. Where did they stand and what did they do?

Box 4 (Enrichment)

- What was “The Thing” invented by Theremin? How did it work? Do we use any of the same technology today?
- Theremin was credited as being a pioneer in electronic music. What’s your favorite kind of music? Research its origins and it’s birthplace. How has it evolved today?
- Choose a second famous battle during World War II. Compare and contrast it with the battle at Iwo Jima.

Box 5 (Extend/Real-Life)

- Do you think you could create a musical instrument? Use materials you have in your home to see if you can create music?
- Social-Emotional Connection - Music is a great way to relax and practice mindfulness, but it also helps the listener to connect to the lyrics or mood the music elicits. When you are feeling stressed or overwhelmed, take time out to listen to music that lifts your spirits or helps you relax. Music is also wonderful way to express your own thoughts and feelings – write your own songs and use a computer program to add music to your lyrics. Play with this website to see what tunes you can create:
<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Song-Maker/>