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History Detectives
4th – 8th grades.

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 US 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 the transistor radios?

Question Box 2

- What's an artifact that's important to your family's history? Why is it important?
- Now that it's over, what are your first thoughts about this program? Are they mostly positive or negative? Explain?
- What is the most important thing you learned personally?
- What were some of the most interesting discoveries you made while watching this program?
- What were some of my most powerful learning moments in the program and what made them so?
- How much did you know about the subject before we started? Explain.

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Box 3 (Tasks)

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

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?

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 above?