

Fun Factoids

..... and Tidy Tidbits of History

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To: Class Participants.... “Fun Factoids / Tidy Tidbits”

Hi Everyone,

We’re all part of this debut. I’ve presented pieces of this before, but this will be the first time from top to bottom. This note will serve several purposes:

1) Let’s be sure you can open up my Keynote files. They will be sent in PDF format, so should pose no problems, no matter what system you’re using.

2) I will be happy to send you one or more of the files shown in class if you want to review any or share them with others. Just list them on your way out or send me an email request:

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3) I hope we’ll get to see the total factoids list, time permitting. But, I also want to make sure you get to hear YOUR favorites in case we run short on time. The individual titles are laid out here in total, and then in a numbered list. At your leisure, and *NOT* needed for Class #1, pick your favorite 5 and send me those numbers. I’ll start counting up the totals as they come in, and will lay out classes 2, 3, and 4 to insure we cover the most asked for requests !

If a descriptive title leaves you confused, take a guess or ask me to better define it for you. Care to share one or two of **YOUR** own favorites with the class ? Save them for the Q&A at the end of class, grab a mike, and let's hear them !

Some may surprise you, all will educate you. Have some fun, and get set to bore your grandkids using MY favorite line.... *“Hey, did YOU know that.....?”*

regards,

Bob

PS: If, after this review of the program, you've changed your mind, no problem. Just contact the curriculum chair to drop, as there may be someone waiting in the wings to fill your seat.

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Here's the one page full list; The numbered list follows it...same order....

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The "*Lamentation*" pose
The Society of the Cincinnati
Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation
Lincoln, on Washington
Michelangelo's ONLY Signed Work - *why* ?
The Michelangelo / Rockwell Connection
Ghiberti's "*Gates of Paradise*" - *why* ?
The "Turtle"; the world's first submarine
The Peace Symbol - *why* ?
Early Agriculture: "There Three Sisters"
The significance of DOR, "Date of Rank"
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History of the Hamilton Fish Family
Land Borders
The Rich and Wealthy: "New" vs "Old" Money
Origin of the word "Sniper"
Symbolism on our Dollar Bill
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Is it really JUST 10 Commandments ?
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Why a Monument to a *Boot* ?
Abraham Lincoln - on George Washington
Why do we say "2-bits" ?

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"Grid Iron" (a football field ?)
"Flash in the Pan"
"Lock, Stock, and Barrel"
Don't Go Off "Half-Cocked"
Washington's "Watchchain"
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A "Windfall"
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"Bringing Home the Bacon"
"Chewing the Fat"
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