OLLI at DU Central Syllabus -Fall 2024

Forgotten Presidents - Subject Area History and Economics

Tuesday Afternoons In-Person (First Universalist Church); Eight weeks

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1. SUMMARIZE YOUR COURSE

Most of us remember the first presidents up to Andrew Jackson, then draw a blank up to Abraham Lincoln, and later know most of the 20th century presidents. But what about those in between? They were characters to be sure, and their terms produced some very significant events for which often they don't get credit. Let's revisit them and perhaps gain a new appreciation for some.

This is an informal, easy going, fun-type of class in which the facilitator presents material and members are encouraged to contribute their knowledge. Much is illustrated on video.

2. BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE ORGANIZED BY CLASS SESSION:

These presidents will be included and will be discussed in chronological order (the last ones as time permits): Martin Van Buren, William Henry Harrison, John Tyler, James K. Polk, Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, Ulysses Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Chester Arthur, Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, William Howard Taft.