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ABOUT THE PODCAST

In May 2017, Scott Rank launched the podcast History Unplugged. It's one part David McCullough biography, two parts MMA match. Recent features include Presidential Fight Club—a 44-episode series that explores what would happen if all U.S. presidents brawled each other one-on-one, tournament style.

For history lovers who listen to podcasts, History Unplugged is the most comprehensive show of its kind. It's the only show that dedicates episodes to both interviewing experts and answering questions from its audience. Every Monday, Scott interviews best-selling authors and historical consultants for film and video games. Topics include gruff World War II generals who flew with airmen on bombing raids, a war horse who gained the rank of sergeant, presidents who gave their best speeches while drunk, and the historical accuracy of Assassin's Creed.

Every Tuesday through Friday, Scott answers any question about history that the audience can throw at him (What was it like to be a Turkish sultan with four wives and twelve concubines? If you were sent back in time, how would you kill Hitler? Would a time traveler from 1000 BC notice any difference in 1000 AD?).

Currently, each episode averages 10,000 downloads, with a total of 1.5 million downloads in the first six months.

ABOUT THE BLOG

In November 2016, Scott became editor of History on the Net. Scott makes it his mission to explore neglected or forgotten corners of history that changed the world, no matter how strange or controversial.

He has blogged on the U.S. Army's failed experiment to use camels as pack animals in the 1840s southwest, failed presidential assassination attempts, and first-hand accounts of the Invasion of Normandy.

ABOUT SCOTT

Scott Rank is a PhD in history who specialized in the Ottoman Empire and modern Turkey. Before going down the academic route he worked as a journalist in Istanbul and reported on human rights issues.

He has written 12 history books on topics ranging from lost Bronze Age civilizations to the Crusades to historical figures who overcame personal adversity. Some of his books include *History's Most Insane Rulers: Lunatics, Eccentrics and Megalomaniacs from Emperor Nero to Kim Jong-Il* and *Lost Civilizations: 10 Societies That Vanished Without a Trace*.

He lives in Kansas City with his family.