Elevator Pitch

History is NOT just about memorizing stuff. ***Dates***, ***names*** of dead people or ***places*** we probably can’t find on the map and probably don’t exist anymore anyway!

That wouldn’t interest anyone!

History is a LIVING experience. Everything we experience today is a result what has come before us. So to better understand the world we live in today, we need to understand what has happened in the past

Decisions were made - how and why they were made - and the impact they had. And how they affect us today.

My course plans to have YOU –the students - take on roles as key leaders and decision makers during highly important periods or events in US History (The Constitutional debates, the Civil War run up, the Civil Rights movement, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, for example.)

At certain points in the course, there will be ‘decision points’ where YOU will play out your ‘role’ to provide guidance or present a position to the President based on your role’s priorities and knowledge of the situation.

Some times, different groups may be given different pieces of information to act on, so that no group has a complete picture of a situation. Much like the real world.

You are not only going to develop a deeper understanding of the course content and the context of the period being studied, but you will also experience 1st hand the pressures of decision making among uncertainly, while balancing competing priorities, and explaining the rationale behind their recommendations.

Through this experience, I believe you will be able to better internalize this material, the messages, and the experience is as active participants in your learning, not just passive receptors of information.