“Le Cercle Francophone d’Histoire” is a group that combines love of the French language and of history. Lectures are conducted exclusively in French. According to an established calendar, a pre-selected theme is discussed during each presentation. Prior to the sessions, participants may do their own research in order to familiarize themselves with the period and theme. However, there is no need to be an expert in any of the historical subjects discussed.

The group lecturer and moderator, Eric Simonis, is a native French speaker and a private French language instructor. He is a member of The American Friends of Lafayette and of The Napoleonic Historical Society. He taught for six years at Walnut Hill College and is a French language tutor at The University of Pennsylvania. “Le Cercle Francophone d’Histoire” meets on Mondays from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm at the Athenaeum of Philadelphia. Regular attendance is not mandatory but is encouraged.

You are also welcome to frequent as a listener if you wish to improve your French comprehension skills but are unable to participate in the conversation.

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Martin Guerre
“L’ usurpateur d’identité” (1560)

LE LUNDI 23 MARS 2020

Voltaire et l’affaire Jean Calas
“Un huguenot face à l’intolérance religieuse” (1761-1765)
LE LUNDI 6 AVRIL 2020
Le Maréchal Ney, “Le Brave des Braves”
“Règlement de comptes à la Seconde Restauration” (1815)

LE LUNDI 20 AVRIL 2020
L’affaire Dreyfus
“Complot judiciaire et antisémitisme” (1894-1906)

LE LUNDI 11 MAI 2020
Le procès du Maréchal Pétain
“Armistice, collaboration et épuration face aux juges” (1945)