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American History Tellers Request for Proposals

Wondery, a network of storytellers, is launching a new, ongoing, audio series on American history called *American History Tellers*. We're looking for historians who are passionate about their area of expertise and eager to share it with everyone — including those who may not be steeped in history but love well-told stories.

American History Tellers is an immersive history show, drawing listeners into the drama of the era. Using evocative language, sound design and music, the show will transport us through the important events and periods that have defined American history. We'll meet the people who made decisions and drove events, we'll go to the places where the story unfolded, and be flies on the walls in the rooms where it happened — all while keeping a keen eye on the lives of everyday people living through it.

Much like Wondery's hit shows, *The Fall of Rome* and *The Tides of History*, these stories are told by a single narrator with some additional audio as necessary (e.g. archival tape, dramatization). Each subject area will span six episodes of 40+ minutes each, approximately 6,000 words. *American History Tellers* will lead us back-and-forth through time as we explore the well- and lesser-known periods and people that have come to define our nation.

Request for proposals:

Wondery has already commissioned historian and author Audra Wolfe to write the first six episodes of *American History Tellers*, covering the Cold War, from 1947 to 1991.

We are currently seeking historians, journalists and writers to write 6-episode arcs covering other important stories.

If you'd like to pitch us, please include a brief synopsis of the period you'd like to cover, what makes your perspective unique, and a brief outline of your six episode arc. If we accept your pitch, we'll pay you to write the first 2,000 words of your first episode. At that point, we'll make a decision about whether to commission the full six-episodes.

If you have questions or to submit your pitch, please contact Ben Adair at ben@wondery.com.