

COMMAND TOPICS

July 2022 - "Celebrating American Heritage"

Join us as we continue to enjoy and educate ourselves through a diverse assortment of literature, media, art, film, music and more. The intent of the Command Topics is to help further develop an awareness and understanding of diverse and inclusive topics within our unique community.

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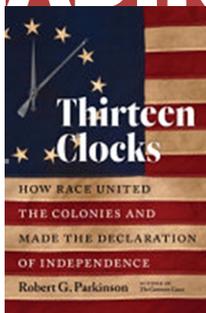
WATCHING

**History Channel: The American Revolution 1776
Documentary (45mins)**

[History: The American Revolution 1776 Documentary - YouTube](#)



READING



Thirteen Clocks: How Race United the Colonies and Made the Declaration of Independence

By Robert G Parkinson published by University of North Carolina Press

In his celebrated account of the origins of American unity, John Adams described July 1776 as the moment when thirteen clocks managed to strike at the same time. So how did these American colonies overcome long odds to create a durable union capable of declaring independence from Britain? In this powerful new history of the fifteen tense months that culminated in the Declaration of Independence, Robert G. Parkinson provides a troubling answer: racial fear. Tracing the circulation of information in the colonial news systems that linked patriot leaders and average colonists, Parkinson reveals how the system's participants constructed a compelling drama featuring virtuous men who suddenly found themselves threatened by ruthless Indians and defiant slaves acting on behalf of the king.

Podcast for: "Thirteen Clocks" Race United the Colonies and Made The Declaration of Independence

Directed by U.S. National Archives

Narrated By Serena Zabin

Robert G Parkinson: Guest Speaker and Author of Thirteen Clocks Associate Professor of History at Binghamton University State University of New York.

[Thirteen Clocks: How Race United the Colonies and Made the Declaration of Independence - YouTube](#)

LISTENING

TODAY'S SPEAKERS

Robert G. Parkinson

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Serena Zabin

Professor of History and Chair of the
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Author, *Dangerous Economies: Status
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