

THE AMAZING ADAMES (213)

Fridays, 1:00 – 2:30 (3 Classes 10/30 -11/13) in Room 19

Tuition \$35

Walk-in Friendly, \$14. Pay prior to the class in the Center 4Life Learning office.

- Session 1: Describes the remarkable contributions of cousins Samuel and John Adam in making the American Revolution happen. Sam was the firebrand and propagandist; he was the ringmaster behind American resistance to the Empire from 1766-1774. In that year, they attend the First Continental Congress, and, with help from his cousin, John rises to leader of the American Independence movement.
- Session 2: Blends lecture and play. It features Abigail Adams and son, John Quincy Adams. Each were unappreciated in their own generation. Abigail's letters to her husband and her sisters are literary and cultural treasures. JQA was the nation's leading Secretary of State before his presidency. Afterwards, he led the anti-slavery movement from 1830-1848.
- Session 3: BOOK OF THE CENTURY: introduces Charles Francis Adams and Henry Adams whose achievements his own generation overlooked. Charles, as US Ambassador to Great Britain, will keep England neutral during the Civil War; Henry's THE EDUCATION OF HENRY ADAMS is a masterpiece of literature, winning the 1919 Pulitzer Prize and topping the list of Greatest Non-fiction book of the 20th Century. His masterpiece includes discussion of the importance of diplomacy, two cathedrals in France, and the impact of accelerating technological change on humans.

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