The History of Football-101 is a one-hour lecture with an accompanying PowerPoint slideshows designed to educate as well as entertain. There are three main parts to the lecture;

Early Football History (1823-1906)

Iconic Figures in Football History

Pro Football Leagues: Past, Present and Future

The iconic figures and pro football leagues sections can also be presented as stand-alone lectures at 20-30 minutes each. There is also a separate 20-30 minute lecture on African-American struggles for equality on the gridiron called;

Gridiron Integration

Explore the history behind some of the forgotten people and events that have shaped football into the game we know today.

If you love football, or if you love history, you will love these lectures!

About the Lecturer

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The History of Pro Football Leagues

In this section, many past and current professional football leagues will be discussed, such as:

- The National Football League
- The Canadian Football League
- The Arena Football League
- The All American Football Conference
- The World Football League
- The United States Football League
- The American Football League
- The World League of American Football
- NFL Europe
- United Football League
- All American Football League
- Various Indoor and Women’s Football Leagues

Iconic Figures in Football History

In this section, you will learn about many of the people who helped shape the game in its early years. People like:

- Walter Camp
- William “Pudge” Heffelfinger
- Jim Thorpe
- Glenn “Pop” Warner
- Knute Rockne
- George Gipp
- Bronko Nagurski
- Ernie Nevers
- John Heisman
- Grantland Rice
- The Four Horsemen

Gridiron Integration

African-American Triumphs and Struggles for Equality in Football

This 30-minute lecture tells the stories of several pioneering players who paved the way for today’s athletes. People like:

- Charles Follis
- Ulysses “Crazy Legs” Curtis
- Ernie Davis
- Johnny Bright
- Willie Thrower
- Fritz Pollard (pictured below)