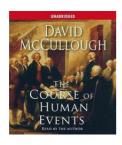
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# **Reader's Opinions**

I thoroughly enjoyed listening to this lecture on tape. I say "on tape" like they are really still on tape...ha. Anyway - I loved his point about reading what people read in different historical time periods in order to understand them (his example was his research on JOhn Adams). I think...