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What we're into

GEO HISTORY ON YOUTUBE

Much as I'd like to liberate myself from the clutches of the Evil Googlian Empire, I'm still entangled in its tentacles. I watch videos on YouTube. The most popular YT channels have more than 100 million subscribers, so I'm not alone.

I've always liked maps. Geo History, a YT channel featuring animated map videos, recently caught my attention. With only 692,000 subscribers for its 42 videos in English, it's not setting the content-creating world on fire. But I've found its claimed "neutral and comprehensive" coverage of historical topics usually to be justified.

Some timely videos have attracted higher than average audiences. "The Russian Empire," released three months ago, has 1.9 million views. Eight-monthold "The Origins of Russia" has



John Tillman

been watched 2.8 million times. One-year-old, 24 minute "World War II — Summary on a Map" has 4.2 million views. Most are shorter.

The five videos in its "History of the American Continent" series run from about 13-20 minutes. Their creator seems to labor under the misapprehension that North and South America are one continent. Its final video, "The United States of America," from two years ago, has garnered 4.3 million views.

The animation is not of the highest quality, but adequate to illustrate the stories. The channel's creator is probably not a native English speaker, but I enjoy it anyway.

— JOHN TILLMAN, REPORTER, EAST OREGONIAN

the sense of a new chapter came over me. I thought about the fun I was about to have with my friends, I thought about who

I would be able to meet, and that inspired me as a songwriter."

— TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE





New releases

'BLUE IN THE SKY,' DUSTIN LYNCH

A fter having been off the road because of the pandemic, country singer Dustin Lynch was nervous going into his "Party Mode 2022" tour.

"We hadn't done this in awhile," he says. "This tour is after a long break, so the adrenaline is running in overload and we're having the most fun possible on stage."

The nerves are gone now, though.

"Come to the show and leave with a smile on your face. You'll be glad you came."

Lynch debuted with a selftitled 2012 album. The new tour follows his "Blue in the Sky" album, which features recent hits "Party Mode" and "Thinking 'Bout You."

"I didn't really have a goal when I started writing for 'Blue in the Sky,'" he says. "I was just doing my best to write songs while I was at home with family and friends and parties on the boat. Lots of fun started shining through with what I wanted to write about."

The relationship he had been in didn't outlast the pandemic.

"You live and you learn, and I came out on the other side of that," he says. "This album embraces where I am in life."

He says "Party Mode" came after the breakup when he needed it most.

"That was a punch to the chest," Lynch says. "But then