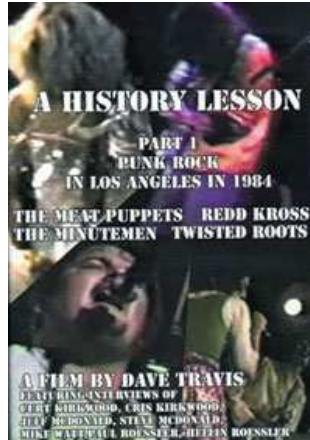


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A History Lesson Part 1- a film by Dave Travis (Historical Records)

What a stunning trip into an underground punk scene of the mid 80s. This film includes live footage from The Minutemen, The Meat Puppets, Redd Kross, and Twisted Roots. A majority of the footage has that amateur feel, it's raw, and very authentic. Also, there are interviews with band members between the songs. All of it is of extreme documental value, as very little footage exists, or is publicly available from these artists, and the particular time frame.

The early American hard core/punk bands made up their scene as they went along, there was no blueprint to follow. These are some very inventive musicians with a definite social cause. It was a also a very fresh and exciting scene to be part of. There is an absolute identity of the word "different" shown in the performances and spoken about in the interviews.

"A History Lesson" is a great look into pioneering time of American punk rock. Many of these acts are still considered extremely influential, and aged relatively well. Having enjoyed the first installment of the documentary, I'm certainly looking forward viewing additional volumes.

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