



NEWS: TALIB KWELI, Q-TIP & JOHN LEGEND REMEMBER RENOWNED HISTORIAN HOWARD ZINN

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Artists **Talib Kweli**, **Q-Tip** and **John Legend** have paid their respects to famed author **Howard Zinn** after it was reported he passed away from a heart attack yesterday.

Writing through Twitter, Kweli [remembered the author's legacy](#).

"Wow RIP Howard Zinn. The people will continue to make history," he wrote Thursday (January 28) morning. (*Talib Kweli's Twitter*)

Tip also [reflected on Zinn's accomplishments](#) in historical coverage.

"R.I.P. Howard Zinn.... :(," he wrote. "RT @iamkamilah: @cautiouscactus RIP Howard Zinn was our Spelman '05 Commencement Speaker and a Spelman Poli Sci Prof. Spelmanites luv u! RT @surfinbrotha: @QtipTheAbstract @iamkamilah@cautiouscactus was resident prof at my Alma mater Boston Univ." (*Q-Tip's Twitter*)

Legend remembered [the author's published works](#).

"RIP Howard Zinn, the man behind "The People's History of the United States" & the film I participated in, "The People Speak."" (*John Legend's Twitter*)

Zinn was known for [unprecedented historical coverage](#) and providing inspiration for the film *Good Will Hunting*.

The Boston University historian and political activist encouraged young Americans to question the status quo in the 1980 book, which went on to sell two million copies and provide inspiration to the 1997 Oscar winning film "Good Will Hunting." Zinn made a cameo in the film in which star **Matt Damon's** character urges his teacher, played by **Robin Williams**, to read "A People's History." The plug was not coincidental, as Damon, who co-wrote the script, was a neighbor of Zinn's growing up. (*MTV*)

Artists like **Lupe Fiasco** and John Legend were also [involved in Zinn's *The People Speak* documentary](#) last year.

The People Speak is produced by Matt Damon, **Josh Brolin**, **Chris Moore**, **Anthony Arnone**, and Howard Zinn, co-directed by Moore, Arnone and Zinn, and features and dramatic and musical performances by Brolin, Damon, **Rosario Dawson**, **Bob Dylan**, **Michael Ealy**, Lupe Fiasco, **Morgan Freeman**, **Jasmine Guy**, John Legend, **Darryl "DMC" McDaniels**, **Sandra Oh**, **Viggo Mortensen**, **Bruce Springsteen**, **Marisa Tomei**, **Kerry Washington**, and many others. (*Howard Zinn*)

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