

Why History?

Studying history can be useful in understanding current issues. You will develop a position on how the knowledge of history helps you understand a current issue. You will do this by analyzing historical events related to that issue.

Your Task

In a cohesive paper or presentation, you will:

- State your position on how examining history helps us understand a current event or issue.
- Provide reason(s) for your position that include:
 - An analysis of how two historical events relate to the understanding of a current issue.
 - A counterclaim for your argument. (This is a required component to receive a score of 4 on this assessment.)
- Refer explicitly in the paper or presentation to three or more credible sources that provide relevant information:
 - Cite your sources when you draw information from them: for instance, when you summarize, paraphrase, or quote, and when you refer to facts, figures, and ideas.
 - Provide complete publication information for each source in your bibliography or list of works cited.

Why History Rubric

Score	4	3	2	1
Claim	I stated a claim about how examining history helps us understand a current event or issue; the claim included a generalization about how history helps us understand current events.	I stated a claim about how examining history helps us understand a current event or issue	I stated a claim about why history matters, but I did not relate it to a current event or issue	I stated a claim about a current event or issue, but I did not discuss how history helps us understand this issue or event.
Evidence	I provided background for the claim, supported by evidence, including an explanation and discussion of the significance of historical events.	I provided reasons for the claim, supported by evidence, including an explanation of historical events.	I provided reasons for the claim, supported by evidence, including an incomplete explanation of historical events.	I provided reasons for the claim, but without referencing any specific historical events; or I described historical events without explicitly connecting them to a current issue/event.
Reasoning	I analyzed how three* historical events relate to the understanding of a current issue. *My analysis of one of these includes a counterclaim.	I analyzed how two historical events relate to the understanding of a current issue.	I analyzed how one historical event relates to the understanding of a current issue.	My analysis of an event is incomplete or missing.
Sources	I referred explicitly in the paper or presentation to four or more credible sources that provide relevant information.	I referred explicitly in the paper or presentation to three credible sources that provide relevant information.	I referred explicitly in the paper or presentation to two credible sources that provide relevant information	I referred explicitly in the paper or presentation to one credible source that provides relevant information
ELA Citations	I properly cited sources in the paper, presentation, and bibliography, using a specific format.	I adequately cited sources in the paper, presentation, and bibliography.	I minimally cited sources in the paper, presentation, and bibliography.	I incorrectly cited sources in the paper, presentation, and bibliography.

No Score (NS) is given if the work is unintelligible; in a language other than English; off topic; off purpose; or copied.