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History

Many students often lament the studying of history. They wonder why they should study something that, in their opinion, has nothing to do with their own lives. That point of view, however, is far from the truth.

History is a culmination of the personal stories and events of people just like you. The men and women who came before you helped shape the country where you live. Their ideas often solved problems and conflicts. Studying the past helps you to understand what your ancestors' lives were like and to see how their experiences have shaped your own life.

Not everything that happened in the past is good. Some of what you study in history helps you understand the mistakes of the past, which will help people to not repeat any injustice that has already occurred. People often learn from the past to have a better future.

Whether you like the subject of history or not, one must appreciate the importance of the events and the people who came before you. The generations who lived before you have impacted your own life in the decisions they made. The decisions of your own generation will eventually affect the generations that come after you. In this unique way, the world is truly connected. History is not just a study of the past; history is the study of people, places, and events that can affect the future.

Text Questions

1. What was the author's purpose in writing this text?
   a. to convince students to like history more than science
   b. to persuade students that studying history is important
   c. to persuade all high school students to take multiple history classes
   d. to show that history is irrelevant to the future
2. Which is a synonym for the word *lament* as it is used in the first paragraph?
   a. consider
   b. grieve
   c. compare
   d. imagine
3. Which paragraph in the text best explains how studying history can help people not repeat the mistakes of past generations?
   a. first paragraph
   b. second paragraph
   c. third paragraph
   d. fourth paragraph
4. Using information from the text, explain why the decisions you make today are important.

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5. Which paragraph from the text helps you to explain your answer for question four?
   a. first paragraph
   b. second paragraph
   c. third paragraph
   d. fourth paragraph

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