

Blueprint for the 21st century

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Why is History Important ?

- ▶ During this semester I learned a lot about history, the three worlds: Europe, the Americas, and the Third World in Modern Times. Because of this course, I learned why history is so important and how it has shaped the 21st century.
- ▶ History is – the study of past events. It is important because it allows us to understand why we are the way we are or to see what is different from the present and to see how much has changed.

How has history paved the way for the 21st Century?

- ▶ What happened during those times paved the way and is considered to be the blue print for the 21st century.
- ▶ The 21st century had many influences such as:
 - ▶ 1. The first man and his civilizations
 - ▶ 2. The Ancient world and their inventions
 - ▶ World War I and World War II
 - ▶ Civil Rights Movement (20th Century)

The First Man

- ▶ The first man influenced the way we identify and express ourselves today. The first man had a very unique mind, using the creation of beads as a way to interact with another. They also wore the beads as a way to identify themselves, status, tribe and history.
- ▶ In today's world (21st century), we follow those same patterns and behaviors. Many of us wear color beads, earrings, necklaces, rings, etc., as a fashion statement or to identify where we come from.

The Ancient World

- ▶ In the Ancient world, there were many civilizations. These civilizations consisted of the Mesopotamia, Egypt, Maya, India, China, Rome, Greece, and Persia.
- ▶ During the Ancient World time period, kings and rulers were enforced and a system of government was put in place. Governors oversaw regions called nomes.
- ▶ In today's world (21st Century), we also have our own system of government. The United States is a federal constitutional republic, in which the President of the United States, Congress, and judiciary share powers reserved to the national government and the federal government share sovereignty with the state governments.

World War I and World War II

- ▶ World War I and World War II was one of the biggest influences that influenced the 21st Century.
- ▶ Prior to WWI, most of medicine practiced around the world was fairly archaic. However, during WWI, the best physicians and researchers were in the military which led to great discoveries that made a difference for public health.
- ▶ WWII also changed the world forever because technology advanced around this time and the use of airplanes, ships, tanks and submarines were used in battle. Therefore, if need be, the army today has better utilities to incase of war.

Civil Rights Movement

- ▶ During the 20th century, Americans experienced extremes of wealth and poverty. The US was the richest and most powerful nation on Earth. However, it struggled with social divisions and prejudices such as exclusion from political process. 83% of homes had television, life expectancy rose and there was a large migration in the suburbs. However, the country's growth did nothing to halt segregation. African Americans basically had no rights. They were mistreated, not allowed to go to all whites-only schools, could not vote and didn't even have right to choose where they wanted to sit on public transportation.
- ▶ Activists like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. became the face of the Civil Rights Movement and fought for the rights of African Americans
- ▶ Today we are able to say that we had our first African American President. If it weren't for African Americans fighting for their rights and for change, then that would not have been possible today.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

- ▶ Today, we are experiencing a terrible pandemic known as the Coronavirus. The virus has caused many people around the world to lose their jobs and has slowed countries down, enforcing lockdown.
- ▶ In the United States, the number of confirmed cases continues to rise, resulting in workplaces, schools and public gatherings to close. Many lost their jobs bringing the number of people to file for first time unemployment benefits to 3.2 million.
- ▶ Not only is it affecting people financially, but it is affecting people emotionally. People are feeling the pressures of being inside and are also experiencing feelings of depression.

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