

Handout

Why Study History?

Read the statement in the left column. Decide if you strongly agree (SA), agree (A), disagree (D), or strongly disagree (SD) with the statement. Circle your response and provide a one- to two-sentence explanation of your opinion. Use separate paper if needed.

Statement	Your Opinion
1. "Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it." - George Santayana, philosopher	SA A D SD Explain:
2. Every situation is different. There's nothing to learn from the choices people made in history.	SA A D SD Explain:
3. "The past is never dead. It's not even past." - William Faulkner, author	SA A D SD Explain:
4. What happened in history has nothing to do with me.	SA A D SD Explain:
5. History never has to unfold the way it does, because the choices each of us make shape history.	SA A D SD Explain:
6. "History is not the past. It is the present. We carry our history with us. We are our history." - James Baldwin, author	SA A D SD Explain: