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Why Study History? Peter N. Stearns Discussion Questions

1: The question that is the article's namesake needs some sort of justification. What is justification in your own words?

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2: Why might someone see history as less useful or important when compared to other disciplines such as medicine?

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3: Historical thinking is just mindless memorization. Why is that statement untrue? Be sure to explain.

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4: If a social scientist attempts to figure out human behavior, why is it beneficial to look to the past?

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7: Why is history needed for good citizenship?

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8: Explain in your own words the three skills that can develop in students of history.

The Ability to Access Evidence

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The Ability to Assess Conflicting Interpretations

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Experience in Assessing Past Examples of Change)

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9: What are some of skills that one can develop when studying history that can be useful for work?

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