

**History and Memory Quotations**

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What is history? What is its purpose? Who decides what history is and who studies it? What happens when history is lost?

Give your interpretations of the quotes below and how history relates to our memory.

*History is a people's memory, and without memory man is demoted to the lower animals.* (Malcolm X)

What I think it means:

How it connects to the word "memory":

*A nation that forgets its past can function no better than an individual with amnesia.* (David McCullough)

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*"There is properly no history; only biography." (Ralph Waldo Emerson)*

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*"History is for human self-knowledge. Knowing yourself means knowing, first, what it is to be a person; secondly, knowing what it is to be the kind of person you are; and thirdly, knowing what it is to be the person you are and nobody else is. Knowing yourself means knowing what you can do; and since nobody knows what they can do until they try, the only clue to what man can do is what man has done. The value of history, then, is that it teaches us what man has done and thus what man is." (R. G. Collingwood)*

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