

HISTORY QUOTES



1. "We learn from history that we learn nothing from history."
– George Bernard Shaw
2. "Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it."
– George Santayana
3. "What we do about history matters. The often repeated saying that those who forget the lessons of history are doomed to repeat them has a lot of truth in it. But what are 'the lessons of history'?"
-- Gerda Lerner
4. "History is more or less bunk. It's tradition. We don't want tradition. We want to live in the present and the only history that is worth a tinker's damn is the history we make today."
– Henry Ford
5. "History is nothing but the activity of men in pursuit of their ends."
– Karl Marx
6. "All history becomes subjective; in other words there is properly no history, only biography."
-- Ralph Waldo Emerson
7. "Whoever wishes to foresee the future must consult the past; for human events ever resemble those of preceding times. This arises from the fact that they are produced by men who ever have been, and ever shall be, animated by the same passions, and thus they necessarily have the same results."
-- Machiavelli
8. "[History is] little more than the register of the crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind."
-- Edward Gibbon
9. "Life is not simple, and therefore history, which is past life, is not simple."
-- David Shannon
10. "Life must be lived forward, but it can only be understood backward."
-- Søren Kierkegaard
11. "To be ignorant of the past is to remain a child."
-- paraphrase from an observation by Cicero
12. "Anything is bearable if you can make a story out of it."
-- N. Scott Momaday
13. "History is the memory of a nation."
-- Author Unknown
14. "History never looks like history when you are living through it."
-- John Gardner
15. "History: An account, mostly false, of events, mostly unimportant, which are brought about by rulers, mostly knaves, and soldiers, mostly fools."
-- Ambrose Bierce
16. "History is *her*story too."
-- Author Unknown
17. "All that we believe about the present depends on what we believe about the past."
-- Michael Howard (Professor)
18. "History will be kind to me for I intend to write it."
-- Winston Churchill
19. "History is written by the victors (winners)."
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20. "I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past."
-- Thomas Jefferson

21. "We are not makers of history. We are made by history."

-- Martin Lutherr King, Jr.

22. "History is the version of past events that people have decided to agree upon."

-- Napoleon Bonaparte

23. "A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots."

-- Marcus Garvey

24. "That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons of history."

-- Aldous Huxley

25. "If history were taught in the form of stories, it would never be forgotten."

-- Rudyard Kipling

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27. "If you think you have it rough, read history books."

-- Bill Maher