

HIS 100 What Is History For Short Response Guidelines and Rubric

Prompt: In one to two paragraphs, respond to the following prompt.

The video “What is History For?” argues that history matters because it provides solutions to the problems of the present. Recall the statement “Those who don’t know history won’t be able to improve the present.” Consider a recent event, either in your personal life or in the news. In a paragraph or two, describe a way that a past historical event could inform your understanding of the recent event. Briefly describe a strategy for how you could be conscious of presentism in applying the past to the present.

Guidelines for Submission: Respond to the prompt. Your response should be one to two paragraphs in length.

Critical Elements	Proficient (100%)	Needs Improvement (75%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Focus of Response	Provides focused and direct reflection to answer prompt	Provides reflection, but the focus is unclear or unrelated to the prompt	Does not provide a reflection	40
Length of Response	Answer provided is one to two paragraphs	Answer provided is only one paragraph	Does not provide an answer	30
Communicates Clearly	Clearly communicates key ideas and thoughts in a short answer response	Response needs clarification in order to support understanding of key ideas and thoughts	Response is not legible and key ideas or thoughts are not understandable	30
Total				100%