

Brighten up your classroom with “History Quotes”

“Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

George Santayana

“He who controls the past commands the future. He who commands the future conquers the past.”

George Orwell

“History is the version of past events that people have decided to agree upon.”

Napoleon

“History is a relentless master. It has no present, only the past rushing into the future. To try to hold fast is to be swept aside.”

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

“Once the toothpaste is out of the tube, it’s hard to get it back in!”

H.R. Haldeman

“History will be kind to me, for I intend to write it.”

Winston Churchill

“A computer lets you make more mistakes faster than any invention in human history - with the possible exceptions of handguns and tequila.”

Mitch Ratliffe

“Once you get into this great stream of history, you can’t get out.”

Richard Nixon

“We would like to live as we once lived, but history will not permit it.”

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

“Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted; the indifference of those who should have known better; the silence of the voice of justice when it mattermost; that has made it possible for evil to triumph.”

Haile Selassie

“History is a vast early warning system.”

Norman Cousins

“We live in a moment of history where change is so speeded up that we begin to see the present only when it is already disappearing.”

R. D. Laing

“Regrets are idle; yet history is one long regret. Everything might have turned out so differently.”

Charles Dudley Warner

“One of the lessons of history is that nothing is often a good thing to do and always a clever thing to say.”

Will Durant

“So the first lesson that historians are entitled to teach is the austere one: not to generalise from false premises based on inadequate evidence.”

Michael Howard



“It is an error to confuse facts with causes, and to suppose that the historian can explain all by confining his interest to ‘what happened’.”

Hugh Trevor-Roper

“The aim of history, I believe, is to understand men both as individuals and in their social relationships in time.”

J.H. Plumb

“The one real object of education is to leave a man in the condition of continually asking questions.”

Bishop Creighton

“History repeats itself; that’s one of the things that’s wrong with history.”

Clarence Darrow

“History teaches us that men and nations behave wisely when they have exhausted all other alternatives.”

Abba Eban

“I am responsible only to God and history.”

Francisco Franco

“Don’t worry about the world coming to an end today. It’s already tomorrow in Australia.”

Charles Schultz

“I never think of the future – it comes soon enough.”

Albert Einstein

“The times they are a-changing.”

Bob Dylan

“History, n. An account mostly false, of events mostly unimportant, which are brought about by rulers mostly knaves, and soldiers mostly fools.”

Ambrose Bierce

“After you’ve heard two eye-witness accounts of an auto accident it makes you wonder about history.”

Bits & Pieces



"The history of the world is but the biography of great men."
Thomas Carlyle

"To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child. For what is the worth of human life, unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors by the records of history?"

Cicero

"It is a lesson which all history teaches wise men, to put trust in ideas, and not in circumstances."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"History, Stephen said, is a nightmare from which I am trying to awake."

James Joyce

"If you want the present to be different from the past, study the past."

Baruch Spinoza

"History does not repeat itself. But it does rhyme."

Mark Twain

"Journalism is merely history's first draft."

Geoffrey C Ward

"History is the sum total of things that could have been avoided."

Konrad Adenauer

"History repeats itself; historians repeat each other."

Philip Guedalla

"History is too serious to be left to historians."

Iain MacLeod

"The one duty we have to history is to rewrite it."

Oscar Wilde

"A man without bias cannot write interesting history – if indeed such a man exists."

Bertrand Russell

"It has been said that though God cannot alter the past, historians can; it is because they can be useful to Him in this respect that He tolerates their existence."

Samuel Butler

"Visit the past in order to know the present."

Anonymous

"Historians are dangerous people. They are capable of upsetting everything."

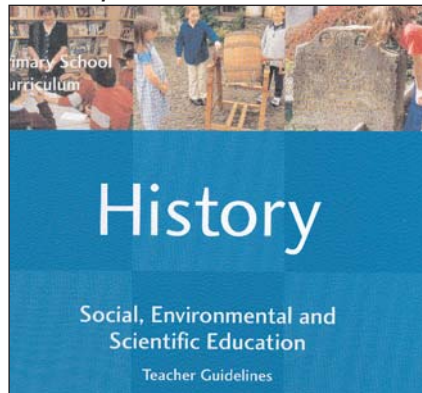
Nikita Khrushchev

"The task of History is to explain the past, neither to justify nor condemn it."

A.J.P. Taylor

Primary School History - What can the History Teachers' Association do?

A new History syllabus is being introduced into Primary Schools. Many of the suggested topics overlap with Junior Cert History. There are also some similarities in approach. Can primary and post-primary teachers work together to help each other?



This is a summary of the syllabus for senior classes.

Fifth and Sixth Classes

Working as an historian

Local Studies

Story

Early people and ancient societies

Life, society, work and culture in the past

Eras of change and conflict

Politics, conflict and society

Continuity and change over time

A number of units are included under each heading. Teachers can select the units to be studied each year.

Example: The following units are included in Eras of change and conflict

The Renaissance

The Reformation

Traders, explorers and colonisers from Europe

The Great Famine

The Industrial Revolution

Changing land ownership in 19th century Ireland

Changing roles of women in the 19th and 20th centuries

World War I

Modern Ireland

Two strand units should be selected from this strand during each year.

