

## Unit 8: History, Lesson A

# Before you watch

A Look at the historical figures below. Draw a line from each figure to the sentence that describes him or her.

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| 1. Cleopatra         | a. This Italian painter's most famous work is the <i>Mona Lisa</i> (or <i>La Gioconda</i> ). |
| 2. Leonardo da Vinci | b. There have been many movies and plays made about this important leader of ancient Egypt.  |
| 3. Simón Bolívar     | c. This person is thought to have written many classic Chinese texts.                        |
| 4. Confucius         | d. This British scientist is known for discovering gravity.                                  |
| 5. Sir Isaac Newton  | e. This Venezuelan is commonly known as <i>El Libertador</i> .                               |

B Choose a historical figure from the list above. What else do you know about this person? Write a few sentences.

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# While you watch

A Watch the video. Match the historical figure to the speaker. Write the letters a–d. There is one historical figure that does not belong with any of the speakers.

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| 1. Cleopatra _____         | a. Nate     |
| 2. Confucius _____         | b. Ashley   |
| 3. Sir Isaac Newton _____  | c. Patricio |
| 4. Leonardo da Vinci _____ | d. Lorraine |
| 5. Simón Bolívar _____     |             |



Nate



Ashley



Patricio



Lorraine

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### B Who says these things? Check (✓) Nate, Ashley, Patricio, or Lorraine.

Nate   Ashley   Patricio   Lorraine

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|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. I'd love to have met him; he was such a creative genius<br>and not just an artist.                 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. . . . the last pharaoh of ancient Egypt . . .  | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. I studied philosophy, . . .  | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. He seems to have had a lot of respect for older<br>people, . . .                                   | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. He's supposed to have been a very charismatic,<br>courageous leader . . .                          | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. I'd like to have discussed with him his political<br>philosophy and his ideas about family values. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 7. . . . is generally considered to have formed some<br>extremely effective political alliances.      | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 8. I'd like to tell him he really did see the future.   | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

## After you watch

### A Who is your favorite historical figure? Why is this person your favorite? In your opinion, what is his or her greatest contribution to the world? Write a few sentences about your favorite historical figure.

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