

## Unit 8: History, Lesson C

# Before you watch

**A Write the correct word or words from the box to complete the sentences.**

disputes	engaging in dialog	saw the point	through the ages
distorts	negotiated	talks just break down	

1. Personally I never \_\_\_\_\_ in studying history. I mean, it just never made any sense to me and seemed like a waste of time.
2. I don't think that humans have really changed that much \_\_\_\_\_. I feel like we are essentially the same now as we were one hundred years ago.
3. History often \_\_\_\_\_ the facts. I bet that if you could go back in time you would learn things about historical figures that are very different from the facts we study today.
4. A lot of history is seeing how we resolved \_\_\_\_\_. I mean, think of how many wars we avoided by \_\_\_\_\_ with the other side. History is really the story of different sides talking through conflicts.
5. I think it would be awesome to go back in time to see how the great leaders \_\_\_\_\_ with the other side for peace. That is the real interesting part of history: great men and women talking with their enemies to reach a compromise.
6. Sometimes, no matter how much people want peace, they just can't agree on a solution that is best for everyone. Then, \_\_\_\_\_. Of course when talking doesn't work, we go to war.

# While you watch

**A Watch the video. Put the topics that are discussed into the correct order (1–5). There is one extra topic. Cross it out.**

- \_\_\_ studying ancient history
- \_\_\_ dealing with disputes in a different way
- \_\_\_ facts getting distorted
- \_\_\_ not liking history in school
- \_\_\_ not repeating the same mistakes
- \_\_\_ understanding what society was like



Tara and Ned

**B Check (✓) true or false. Then, re-write the false sentences to make them true.**

1. Ned thinks that remembering a lot of dates is a waste of time.  True  False

2. Tara says that dates are the most important part of history.  True  False

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3. According to Ned, facts often get mixed up.  True  False

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4. Tara thinks it is important to find out the truth in order to avoid repeating past mistakes.  True  False

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5. Ned believes that we've learned a lot from history.  True  False

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6. Tara claims that we can't solve arguments in different ways.  True  False

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7. Ned says that most of the time talks don't solve anything.  True  False

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8. Ned really doesn't think that we can learn much from history.  True  False

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9. Tara thinks that we can't learn anything from history.  True  False

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## After you watch

**A** Read the conversations. Write responses that express your opinions. If you don't want to talk about the topic, use expressions to avoid talking about the topic.

1. A. I think that we need to study history or we are doomed to repeat it.

B. I don't think that studying history does us any good.

C. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. A. I think that the last war is a perfect example of why we should study history.

B. I think that all wars are a good reason to study history.

C. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. A. I feel like a lot of the mistakes being made by our government now are similar to ones made in the past.

B. Don't get me started on people repeating their past mistakes. Our government needs to take some history classes.

C. \_\_\_\_\_  
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