

FUMC ESL 4-16-2018 Advanced Lesson

HISTORY-study of the past. Read these sample sentences then answer the question that follows.

What kind of history?

1. There have been few peaceful years in recent history. Name a country that has had little peace in recent history.
2. The second world war is ancient history to these young kids. Some schools are not insisting their students learn the history of the Greeks as it is “ancient history”. Do you think there is value in studying history from a thousand years or more ago? What kind of history did you study in school?
3. Local history indicates that there were only four main families that settled the area. Do you know much about the local history of the area where you grew up?
4. We have a family history of cancer. Do you have a family history of good or bad health?
5. He seems like a nice guy, but he has a colorful history (or colorful past). What is meant by a colorful history in this sentence? Do you know anyone with a colorful history?
6. Thelma and I get along well because we have a shared history. Do you have a good friend that you have a shared history with?
7. The Wyatt family had a long history of poverty. Is it possible to break out of poverty even if your family has a long history of being poor?
8. His employment history indicates he has had four jobs in the last five years. Does your employment history indicate you have had several jobs in a few years?
9. The nurse will take your medical history before the doctor examines you. Why is it important for a doctor to know your medical history?
10. I would have to know your credit history before I could loan you the money for a car. Do you check your credit history on credit rating websites?

Used with verbs:

1. This day will go down in history. Name an event that has occurred in your lifetime that will go down in history.
2. He made history today. Name a person in your country who made history.
3. The conflict has faded into history. Has World War II faded into history?
4. He traced his family's history back 200 years. How far can you trace your family history back?
5. It's important to document history. Do you document your family history?
6. He recounted the history of the building. (told)
7. The group's history goes back to the Civil War.
8. History shows that education of women results in more peaceful societies. What is the status of women's education in your country? Do you think women and men have equal opportunities for a good education?
9. History repeats itself. Do believe this? Can you give any examples?
10. They have a history of bad behavior. Do you think people with a history of criminal behavior are more likely to be guilty than those without such a history? Does this bias prejudice jurors in a trial?

HISTORICAL-concerning history

1. There aren't many historical accounts of that massacre.
2. We examined the historical archives for prove that he fought in that battle.

3. The historical accuracy of eyewitness accounts is not always reliable.
4. George Washington was a famous historical figure.
5. I enjoy reading historical fiction. Do you read historical fiction?
6. I agree that the World War II hero shouldn't have been jailed just because he was gay, but you have to look at it in historical context. In those days people's understanding of homosexuality was not as enlightened as it is today.

Idioms

1. They arrested the officers of the company and set a trial date. The rest is history. (This means that everyone knows what happened after the arrest. It's part of history.)
2. He'll go down in history as a good prime minister, though he was terribly unpopular in his day. Can you think of a leader who this applies to?
3. That was my dad on the phone. He found out I flunked math. I'm history. (In other words, Dad will be so angry he might kill me.)

DISCUSSION:

1. Do you enjoy reading history? What period or area do you like to read about?
2. George Santayana wrote "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."^[1] What do you think it means? Do you think it is true?
3. Winston Churchill said that history was written by the victors. Do you agree with that statement? If you do, then how reliable is the history that we study?
4. If you could go back in time, what historical period would you go back to?