



# If It Didn't Happen

We are going to learn about history classes in school.







**Warm-up**

**2** min



**Building the Egyptian Pyramids**



**The first moon landing**



**Building the Great Wall**

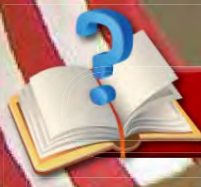


**The extinction of dinosaurs**



Is it important for people to learn about things that happened in the past? Why?



**Reading****3** min

Read with the teacher and then answer the questions below.

Students often complain that **history** classes are boring, but Bella is not one of those students. Bella believes that a greater understanding of the past will lead to better actions in the future.



Do you like history class? Why?

To be continued... >>



**Reading** **4** min

**Read with the teacher and then move to the Word Focus.**

In this year's history class, Bella studied about the **Medieval** period. The lessons were filled with stories about wise kings, beautiful queens, and brave **knights**.

**Word Focus**

- The **Medieval** period lasted from the fifth to the fifteenth century in Europe.
- What do you know about the **Medieval** period?

To be continued... >>



## Reading

3 min

Read with the teacher and then answer the question below.

Bella's favorite historical figure from the Medieval period is the famous **explorer** Christopher Columbus. She likes him for his courageous **voyages**, which led to the discovery of the New World.



Why does Bella like Christopher Columbus?

To be continued... >>



**Reading****4** min

**Read with the teacher and then move to the Word Focus.**

Bella believes that **if it weren't for** Christopher Columbus' discovery, she wouldn't be living in the United States of America today. Bella's belief is also shared by many other Americans, who all like to celebrate Columbus Day on the second Monday in October.

**Word Focus**

- The construction "**if it weren't for** X" is an idiomatic phrase in English.
- **If it weren't for** history lessons, how else could we learn about past events?

Let's practice. >>

**Task****4** min

**Match the text boxes to retell the story.**

**1** In this year's history class ...

**2** Bella believes that if it weren't for Christopher Columbus' discovery ...

**3** Bella's favorite historical figure from the Medieval period ...

**4** Students often complain that history classes are boring ...

**a** but Bella is not one of those students.

**b** is the famous explorer Christopher Columbus.

**c** she wouldn't be living in the United States of America today.

**d** Bella studied about the Medieval period.

**More challenges! >>**



## Leadership

4 min

*Discuss with the teacher.*



Q1. In your opinion, what is the most important event in Chinese history?  
In my opinion, the most important event ...

Q2. Who was the most important person in the event?  
The most important person ...

Q3. If that event never happened, what do you think China would be like today?  
If ... never happened, China would ...





***In this lesson, we...***



**learned about history classes in school.**



**learned new words/phrases.**

☐ history

☐ knight

☐ explorer

☐ if it weren't for

☐ voyage

☐ Medieval

