

原力英语 B2 全场景覆盖表达

口语主题陈述—历史类

KEY VOCABULARY

We divide time up in many ways, for example:

seconds

minutes (60 seconds = 1 minute)

hours (60 minutes = 1 hour)

days (24 hours = 1 day)

months (28-31 days = 1 month)

years (12 months = 1 year)

decades (1 decade = 10 years)

centuries (1 century = 100 years)

Two common terms for dividing up most of human history.

Anno Domini (AD)

Before Christ/Before Common Era (BC)

Periods of time and eras in the Western world

The Middle Ages: This period of time took place in Europe from the 5th - 15th century; this is the name for a long period of time that connects what is considered 'ancient times' and 'modern times.' It is in the middle of ancient times and modern times, so it is called the "middle" ages.

The Renaissance: This period of time took place in parts of Europe from 1300 - 1600; this time was characterized by a cultural movement that revolved around learning about and from the past.

The Age of Discovery (The Age of Exploration): This period of time took place in Europe (and highly influenced other parts of the world) from 1400 - 1700; this was a time of exploration when Europeans travelled to new lands and “discovered” the Americas.

The Elizabethan Period: This period of time took place in the United Kingdom from 1558 - 1603; this was the period of the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. This time is often thought of as the “golden age” or time of great progress in English history.

The Age of Enlightenment: This period of time took place in Europe in the 18th century; it is an often talked about cultural movement in Europe, which emphasized reason and individualism over traditions.

The Industrial Revolution: This period of time took place in Europe, the United States, and other areas around the world in the 18th and 19th centuries; this was the era in which manufacturing was introduced and became a very large force in society.

The Victorian Era: This period of time took place in the United Kingdom from 1837 - 1901; this was the period of the reign of Queen Victoria and was known for being a time of peace, prosperity, and British self-confidence and pride.

The Progressive Era: This period of time took place in the United States from the 1890s - 1920s; this was a period of social activism and political reform during the terms of three progressive American Presidents: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Woodrow Wilson.

The Information Age (or Computer Age or Digital Age): This is now! This is the name many people use for the era that we are currently living in, in which technology has become so important and prevalent in our everyday lives and work.

历史类常见问题

Do you like (to learn about) history?

What historical event do you find most interesting?

Do you think history is important?

Do you like to watch programs on TV about history?

Do you think you can really learn history from films and TV programs?

Do you think the internet is a good place to learn about history?

Can you name a person from history who you would like to learn more about? Why would you like to learn more about him/her?

How do students in your country study history?

When was the last time you read a book about history?

Why don't people like to study history?

What do you think we can learn by studying events of the past?

How were you taught history when you were at school?

Is the history useful for the coming generations? Why?

Why do people like to visit historical places?

Are all historical buildings well maintained and managed?

Who should pay for the maintenance of historical buildings and objects?

Do you think historical museums should be opened for free?

What qualities do most historical figures share in common?

Why is it important for society to immortalize some people in history?

Is all information about historical figures accurate, why or why not?

历史类口语主题陈述

Describe a historic building that you visited.

You should say:

where it was

what people do(or, were doing) there

why you went there

and explain how you felt about this building

Describe a historical city you have been to.

You should say:

what the city was

when you went to the city

what you did there

and explain why you think it was a historical city.

Describe a historical person that you are interested.

You should say:

who he/she is

what he/she did

when you first knew him or her

and why you are interested in him/her

Describe a historical period that you are interested in

You should say:

what the historical period is

how you know it

what happened during that period

and say why you find it interesting

Some people say history is one of the most important school subjects. Other people think that, in today's world, subjects like science and technology are more important than history.

Discuss both of these views and give your own opinion.