

这篇文章有两个切入点：

1. 过去和现在的人们到底一样还是不一样
2. 学习历史的好处是不是仅仅是这个

虽然理论上讲，这两个方面都可以，但是我建议大家可以侧重论述过去和现在的人们是不是一样的

57 The main benefit of the study of history is to dispel the illusion that people living now are significantly different from people who lived in earlier times.

这两句话说明作者要论述的内容重点是学习历史的好处而不是人们到底有没有变化

I concede that basic human nature has not changed over recorded history, and that coming to appreciate this fact by studying history can be beneficial in how we live as a society. However, I disagree with the statement in two respects. First, in other ways there are marked differences between people of different time periods, and learning about those differences can be just as beneficial. Second, studying history carries other equally important benefits as well.

I agree with the statement insofar as through the earnest study of human history we learn that basic human nature---our desires and motives, as well as our fears and foibles---has remained constant over recorded time. And through this realization we can benefit as a society in dealing more effectively with our enduring social problems. History teaches us, for example, that it is a mistake to attempt to legislate morality, because humans by nature resist having their moral choices forced upon them. History also teaches us that our major social ills are here to stay, because they spring from human nature. For instance, crime and violence have troubled almost every society; all manner of reform, prevention, and punishment have been tried with only partial success. Today, the trend appears to be away from reform toward a "tough-on-crime" approach, to no avail.

However beneficial it might be to appreciate the unchanging nature of humankind, it is equally beneficial to understand and appreciate significant differences between peoples of different time periods---in terms of cultural mores, customs, values, and ideals. For example, the ways in which societies have treated women, ethnic minorities, animals, and the environment have evolved over the course of human history. Society's attitudes toward artistic expression, literature, and scientific and intellectual inquiry are also in a continual state of evolution. And, perhaps the most significant sort of cultural evolution involves spiritual beliefs, which have always spun themselves out, albeit uneasily, through clashes between established traditions and more enlightened viewpoints. A heightened awareness of all these aspects of cultural evolution help us formulate informed, reflective, and enlightened values and ideals for ourselves; and our society dearly benefits as a result.

Another problem with the statement is that it undervalues other, equally important benefits of studying history. Learning about the courage and tenacity of history's great explorers, leaders, and other achievers inspires us to similar accomplishments, or at least to face own fears as we travel through life. Learning about the mistakes of past societies helps us avoid repeating them. For instance, the world is slowly coming to learn by studying history that political states whose authority stems from suppression of individual freedoms invariably fall of their own oppressive weight. And, learning about one's cultural heritage, or roots, fosters a healthy sense of self and cultivates an interest in preserving art, literature, and other cultural artifacts--all of which serve to enrich society.

To sum up, history informs us that basic human nature has not changed, and this history lesson can help us understand and be more tolerant of one another, as well as develop compassionate responses to the problems and failings of others. Yet, history has other lessons to offer us as well. It helps us formulate informed values and ideals for ourselves, inspires us to great achievements, points out mistakes to avoid, and helps us appreciate our cultural heritage.

这段是范围拆分，证明从人性和社会两个方面来讲，过去和现在都没有什么区别

点名了学习历史的其他好处：认识到不同

这段大部分内容都是在讨论不同，但是没有涉及知道这些不同的意义；如果中心句可以写成学习历史可以让我们感受到社会的进步会更好一点的

增强的意识，这个词组用的很好

学习历史不仅可以了解别人的成就，还可以激励自己，这个中心句最好位于句首

这个句式很简单，但是表意很清晰

整体看这篇文章思路非常流畅，并且有很充分的理论说明

但是在我们实际的考试过程中，这么缜密的理论推理不是每个人都可以做到的；那我们就可以使用一些具体的名人事例来支持自己的观点