学习过去对于我们现在是有很大的价值的：

（1）学习过去的历史，能够更好的在现在避免错误，比如说学习世界大战的历史。

（2）学习过去的知识和文化，能够更好地进行发明和创造。

（3）学习过去的人物，能够更好地帮助我们自己成为一个对社会有用的人。

It is often argued that spending much time on studying historyis unreasonable, since the information people obtain lacks the practical implementation. However, after careful thought, I have come to disagree with it. I believe that history provides valuable sources for understanding different people and societies, predicting future trends and building a person’s identity. History generates past experiences and formulates the steps of development. It provides us with numerous examples of cause-effect events, which help to understand different social mechanisms.

Everything that is happening today stems from the past and will have direct effect on the future. Being aware of our history helps to avoid old mistakes and make right decisions. The majority of all the political conflicts have a long history, for instance the Middle East or Russia- Chechnya tensions. A closer study of their deeper reasons and the measures taken beforehand can prove to be invaluable in finding the right solution today. It can save thousands of lives.

At the same time, studying history of our own country or region builds up our identity, gives us a feeling of belonging to a certain group of people. Therefore, if we face a problem of communicating with a person of other culture, the basic knowledge of his history can prove absolutely necessary for a successful and productive interaction.

To sum up, I strongly believe that it is highly beneficial for modern people to possess a good knowledge of the history, because it assures a profound understanding of social mechanisms, helps to avoid many mistakes and promotes a better communication between different nations. （对过去的历史有好的了解，可以对社会体制有更深刻的了解，帮助避免一些作物，促进不同国家之间更好的交流）