**16.1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?** **To solve present and** **future problems, it is necessary to** **understand the past.**

Throughout history, tackling a problem has been one of the crucial matters in human beings’ lives. The more problems you have, the more you work and any problem that does not kill you, definitely makes you stronger. Some people believe that we do not need to exploring the past for solving present and future problems while others might take an opposite view. Whether it is true or not depends on the lens through which one is looking. From my vantage point, we certainly need to studying past to find the best solution for challenges and problems. In what follows, I will elaborate on my perspective.

The most remarkable point to be mentioned is that had we studied past events, we would have coped with the critical situation effectively. It is mainly because the history has always its pattern and most of the time history repeats itself and events happen in the exact way of the past. By considering this fact, human enhanced their knowledge greatly. There is an interesting research behind this fact. According to noteworthy research which was conducted by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2017, the main cause of first and second world war was the same. It is hard to disguise the fact that the primary cause of both of wars was the lack of attention to the past. Hence, in light of this ample evidence, the fact that we need studying history is universally acknowledged, especially for leaders who make the vital decisions. If people take a look to the past, they can even anticipate some events. Although some events do not happen in the exact way of the past, the main structure of it is alike. According to this line of though, nowadays historical studies regarded as one of the integral parts of any research in the filed of futurology. Nevertheless, it should be noted that this approach has its own demerits, but let’s suffice to this.

Another equally important point which deserves some words here is that connection between present and future to the past is undeniable and you can see and comprehend it easily. Logically, most of the events in the past have consequences in the present and future. For example, if a country uses its natural water resources a lot, the people of that country will have serious problems in water in the future. A simple sample of this event, takes place in some areas of Iran. I mean people use a lot of water for farming in a wrong and inefficient way and after some decades, they did not have enough water for their essential needs. Lack of water destructed the environment and many species of animals became extinct. However, this is certainly not the end of the story. In fact, this might be generalized in border context. Therefore, it is pretty obvious that if people of other countries pay attention to this story about water in Iran, they can easily prevent these kinds of disasters in their country.

In brief, based on the aforementioned reasons one can logically lead us to the conclusion that the more attention to past, the less mistake makes. However, that was a story in a nutshell. As a matter of fact, there are some other reasons and examples, challenging the claims, are not mentioned above, and this cannot be used as a prescription for everybody, and some counterexamples might exist. As a result, it is highly recommended that authorities put more emphasis on understanding the past and conduct more surveys and studies to find out whether studying past is as crucial as present and future or not.

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