

Historical Thinking Concepts

SIGNIFICANCE – explaining why something is important

PERSPECTIVE – identifying events from the viewpoint of people who lived through the times

CAUSE AND CONSEQUENCE – understanding the relationship between events and their results

CONTINUITY AND CHANGE - understanding that certain things (attitudes, processes, actions) change over time and certain things remain the same

Choose 4:

1. Summary of each event
2. How each concept applies



Cause and Consequence:

In 1981, the first cases of what came to be known as HIV virus, were clinically observed in the US. Initially it was referred to as GRID, which stood for Gay-Related Immune Deficiency syndrome. Once it was determined that it was not isolated to the homosexual community, the name was changed to AIDS. With little understanding of the disease and no cure for AIDS, the public was terrified of the disease. A great deal of misinformation was generated about how the disease was spread and where it came from. The homosexual community was heavily stigmatised and a sharp number of violent incidents and negative attitudes towards homosexuals. This led to the community "fighting back" and the push for equality began.

5/HIV Epidemic



Diana Spencer 1961-1997

Perspective:

Lady Di, as she was affectionately known, was one of the most beloved public figures of the late 20th century. Her marriage to Prince Charles in 1981 was watched by 750 million people. After her divorce, her status remained high. She was well-known and respected for her charitable work around the world. On the night of August 31, 1997, Lady Diana and other occupants, died in a vehicle accident. Various explanations surrounding the cause of the accident have been explored over the years, ranging from the intoxication of the driver of the car to the deliberate "hit" on the former princess in the Royal Family.



the Berlin Wall 1961-1989

Historical Significance:

The Berlin Wall was constructed in 1961 to separate the democratic country of West Germany from the politically communist Eastern Bloc. The wall was protected by a number of observation towers and by a powerful military presence. Over the course of the wall's existence, 50,000 attempts were made to cross it, resulting in over 600 deaths. In 1989, a series of rapid changes occurred in the Eastern Bloc. After a period of civil unrest, the East German government announced on 9 November 1989 that all GDR citizens could travel freely to West Germany and West Berlin. Crowds of East Germans gathered and crossed and climbed onto the wall, joined by West Germans on the other side in a celebratory atmosphere. In the next few weeks, a euphoric public and soldiers chipped away parts of the wall; the government used heavy industrial equipment to remove most of the wall. The physical Wall itself was primarily destroyed by the fall of the Berlin Wall paved the way for German reunification, which was formally concluded in 1990.



Columbine High School Massacre, 1999

Continuity and Change:

On April 20, 1999 two senior students, Eric Dylan Klebold, murdered a total of 12 students and a teacher in their high school in Columbine. The massacre injured 24 additional students, with three being injured while attempting to escape. The pair then committed suicide. The massacre sparked a debate over gun control laws, the availability of guns in the United States and gun violence involving teenagers. The discussion also centred on the nature of youth subcultures and bullying, in addition to the influence of violent movies and video games in America. The shooting resulted in an increased emphasis on school security, and a moral panic aimed at goth and emo outcasts, gun culture, the use of pharmacological substances by teenagers, teenage Internet use, and violent video games.

Iran Shootings

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• 2012

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• Obama elected

• "The Syrians"

• 2010 Olympics

• Vancouver Riots

• 9/11

• Newtown

• Snowden.

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- Ms. Lalonde celebrates 30th birthday

- Pluto demoted to "dwarf planet"

- North Korea conducts first nuclear test

- Saddam Hussein is executed

- Apple debuts the iPhone

- Arctic sea ice hits record low

- Global economic downturn

- Barack Obama sworn in as US president

- 3D scanners enter market

- Earthquake in Haiti

- Canada hosts G8

- Global pop. reach

- 9.0 earthquake and

- Space shuttle fle

- Oil leak in the G

- Sandy Hook sh

- Arab Sp

- Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee

1. You

2. Grandparents/Grand

3. Future → 20-50yrs.

“EVENTS, PEOPLE, OR DEVELOPMENTS HAVE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE IF THEY RESULTED IN CHANGE. THAT IS, THEY HAD DEEP CONSEQUENCES, FOR MANY PEOPLE, OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME.”

Criteria for Historical Significance:

- ✓✓✓ 1. PEOPLE AT THE TIME THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT
- ✓✓✓ 2. IT AFFECTED A LOT OF PEOPLE
- ✓✓ 3. IT AFFECTED PEOPLE DEEPLY
- ✓✓✓ 4. IT AFFECTED PEOPLE FOR A LONG TIME
- ✓✓✓ 5. IT STILL AFFECTS ATTITUDES OR BELIEFS TODAY
- ✓✓ 6. IT LED TO OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS

Global Economy vs Sept. 11, 2001

