

Some people believe that research into family history is useful for the next generations, while others claim that present and future are more important. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

The curiosity about the past has forever been within humans, emerged in their creations from ancient fairy tales and cave engravings to modern literature and art. The desire for whether knowing the birth parents or gaining a better understanding of the ancestors makes many to conduct a family history research; others, however, may not agree and believe the present and the future are of more significance.

On the one hand, many believe a better understanding of one's family history can deepen self-knowledge. Almost everyone has experienced an identity crisis at least once. Feeling lost where they live, among whom they socialize, and when they belong, like their ancestors, modern humans struggle to know themselves better with the aid of genealogy. This may ~~justify~~ justify the intriguing desire to visit the ancestral land, even after generations. My father, as a case in point, moved from Hamedan to Tehran along with his family in his childhood, but Hamedan never ceased to attract him as his origin, and by the time he visited the city, I remember he seemed more tranquil as if he had solved a mystery within.

On the other hand, others are of the opinion that it is more reasonable to acknowledge the present and plan the future than to dwell on the past. "Seize the moment" and "look to the future" are perhaps the popular slogans of this group as no one can change what has happened and the present matters. Being related to a royal family from the time faded in the history never guarantee a bright future, nor should a dark family background thwart the burning ambition to shine in the future. Humans' history is replete with instances of eminent scientists or politicians who managed to work their way up the social ladder and shine at their time as diamonds, brightening their communities. Thomas Edison, the US great inventor whose inventions have facilitated life throughout the world, can be a fine example. Coming from a deprived home, he emerged from economic hardship s a person who gained not only wealth but respect while living, paving the way for scientists even after his death.

To conclude, although researching family history can lead to better self-awareness, I would be inclined to accept that considering the present can better help us to build a better-brighter future which is crucially important.