

It's more important for children to learn about local history than world history. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Teaching history as part of the school curriculum has always invited comparisons between the significance of learning about local events versus the global ones. Although many argue that local history should receive additional attention, I believe it pales beside world history.

Studying the history of different nations around the world affords a broader perspective. Going through history and discovering the reasons behind events can provide a better acquaintance with other peoples which in turn enhances our understanding of their current beliefs and cultures. Humiliating defeats, major victories and other historic moments are basically building blocks of a nation's identity, shaping people's political and/or religious convictions. This can consequently help us to thoroughly understand other cultures and adopt more effective dealings with them.

Moreover, world history is replete with astounding stories. Granted, a particular local history can also abound with significant events, but this often fails to be as diverse, seeming trivial next to what the whole world has thus far witnessed. So important and fundamental are these changes that they inevitably belittle domestic events; the rise and fall of civilizations and notions, the progress of major social and economic changes, and decisions and mistakes which have shaped the future. The disparity widens when the area or country lacks what is believed to be a rich history. Countries which have been inhabited only for less than a century, for example, mostly disappoint their residents' expectations of becoming as much captivated in their identity as their more ancient counterparts managed to.

To conclude, while some contend that learning about local history should have priority over the international one, I believe studying history on a global scale will broaden our horizons and capture our interests far more strongly since it embraces more significant stories in terms of number and diversity.