

When studying history, follow these important guidelines:

- **Learn all you can, not just about what happened, but also about what led up to it.**
- **Seek to understand the thinking of the times. Do not blame the people of a past era for not knowing pertinent information we know today, especially information they had no way to learn.**
- **Remember that we have hindsight, and they did not. Some even possessed a lot more foresight than we tend to believe.**
- **Look beyond surface meanings and consider implications and repercussions.**
- **Consider the worldview perspectives of historical subjects.**
- **Don't just observe what people did, but also take note what they didn't do.**

If we will seek to do these things, the lessons we derive from history's vaults will be far more accurate than they otherwise would.