

History is a cognitive orientation towards the world we live in. (It is a way of thinking about “where we are.”)

- Its purpose is to provide insight into how the world around us came to be (how we got “where we are”), and instruction concerning universal truths that characterize human life, which help us know where we are going.

We necessarily look to the past from “here” and “now,” and we need to embrace the fact that we have a specific vantage point in order to look to the past *in a way that helps us know more about “where we are.”*

Present-centrism™ is a mode of historical cognition that begins and ends *in the present* in order to promote the pursuit of knowledge that is relevant to bettering human life *here and now*.