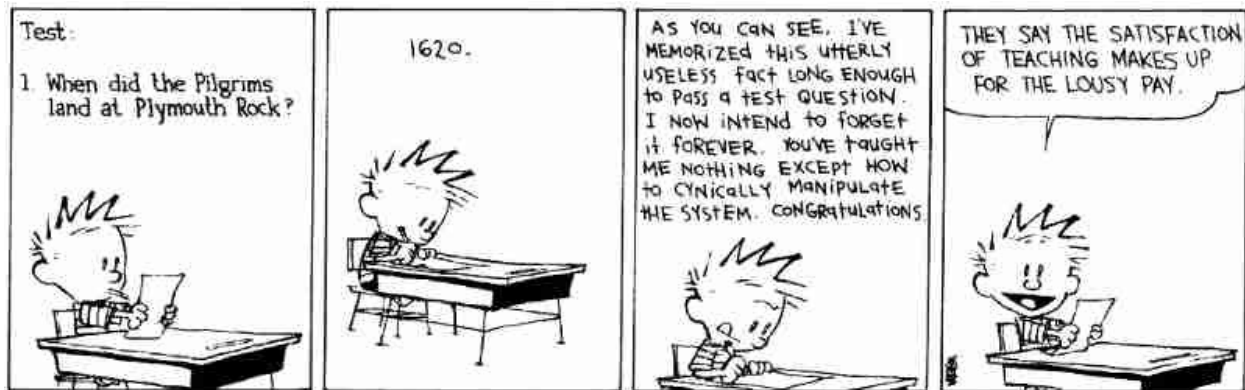


LEARNING ABOUT THE WORLD WE LIVE IN

I. A New Approach to History

A. What is history?

1. People usually think that history is “the study of the past.” No wonder most people don’t care about it. *We don’t live in the past! We live in the present.*



History is not about memorizing information about the past (the way *Calvin* has been taught in this comic strip). It is really about learning about *the World We Live in (tWWLi)*.

2. The definition of history used in *History At Our House* is: **“History is the revelation and explanation of the world we live in.”**
 - a) We usually only see what is right around us, especially when we are young, because our parents are taking care of us. We need the world *revealed* to us beyond that comfortable space, so we can get ready to live in *the world*.
 - b) The second part of this definition is “explanation.” Why is the world the way that it is? Well, it became what it is *in the past*. History shows us the events that shaped the world into what it is—so that we can make sense of the world we see around us.