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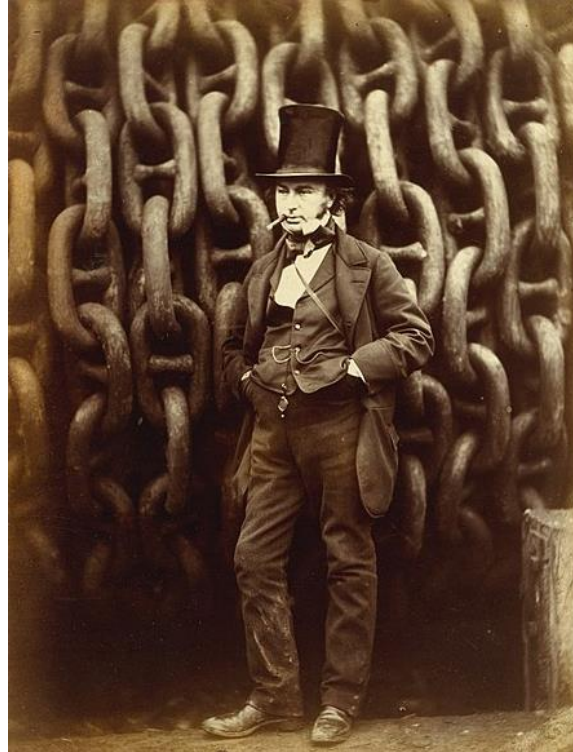






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Can you  
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historical  
events or  
eras?

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# Key Words



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significant

nationally/national

monarchy

government

globally/global





# What do you get if you cross a Stone Age man and a lump of stone?

## A 'wheely' good invention!

Great joke, huh?

Ok so the joke might not be that great, but what if I told you that Stone Age people actually invented the wheel? Imagine, inventing something so useful, it was still using thousands of years later! The inventors were called the Mesopotamians.

Have you heard of them?

If you haven't, don't worry. The history of our planet is so vast, there's *always* something new to learn. History means studying the past. History is one massive, fascinating story of the Earth.

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## Read these statements. Which do you think are true?

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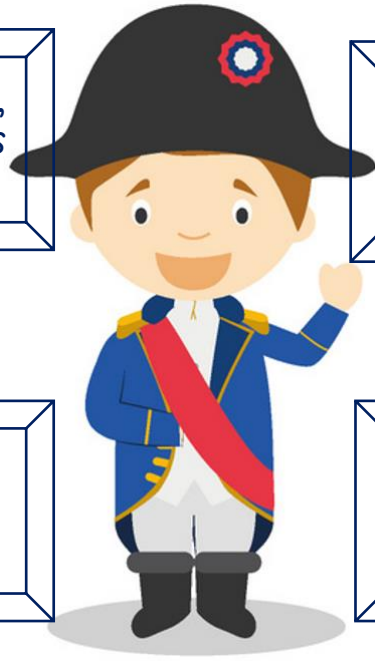
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They're all true! History has so many interesting stories to tell, and hilarious (and sometimes yucky) facts. There is so much more to history than a text book...

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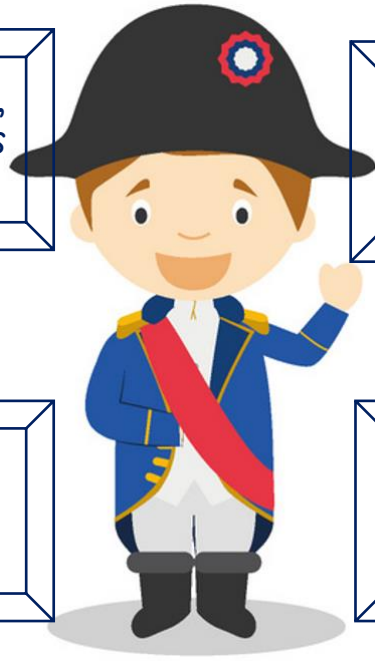
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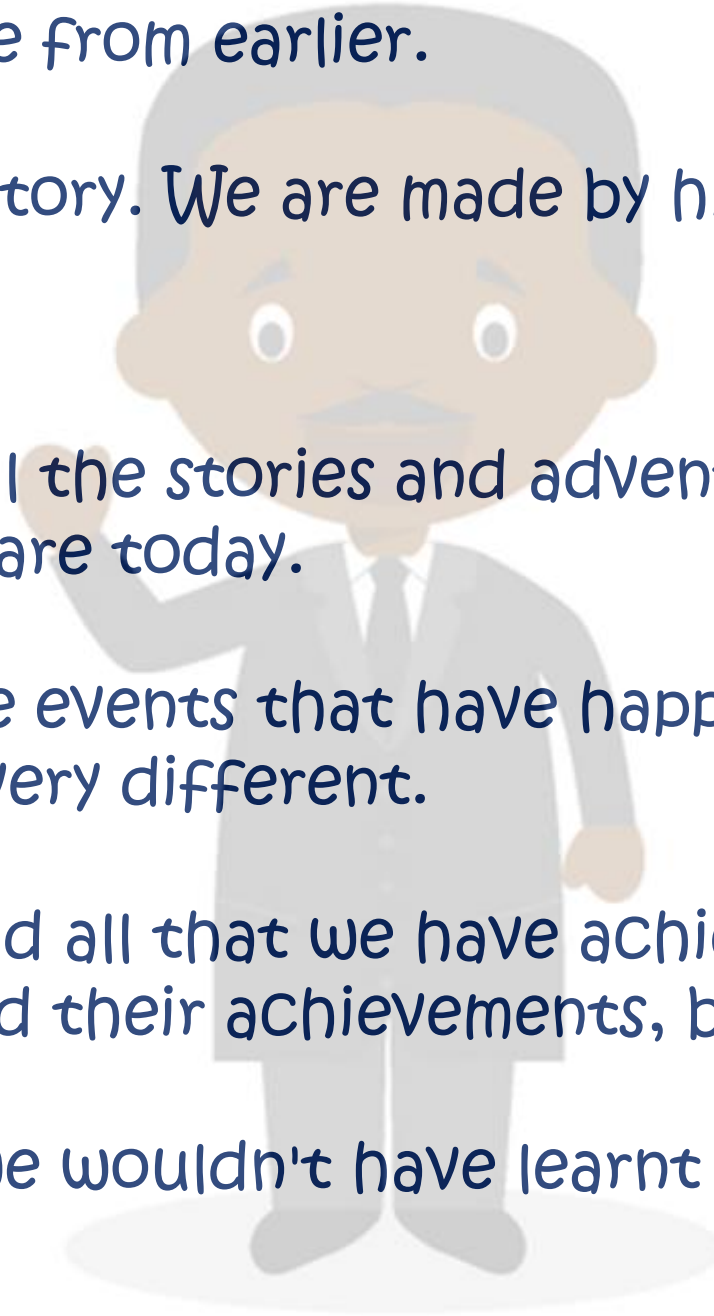
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The Earth's history and all the stories and adventures that have taken place on it, form who we are today.

Without the past, and the events that have happened, our path as human beings, would have been very different.

All that we have today and all that we have achieved can be accredited to the people of our past and their achievements, but also their errors.

Without their mistakes, we wouldn't have learnt many valuable lessons.





There are lots of **significant** events that you would have heard of, and they are all very important in different ways.

They may be important because;

- they have directly impacted our lives
- they have impacted our thoughts or values
- they impact the **government** or **monarchy** in the country we live in
- they impact how others view our country, and therefore how people elsewhere view us
- they impact our judgement of others.

Some events can be significant just for an individual, for local areas, **nationally** even **globally**! Let's have a look at some examples.



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Covid 19 Pandemic 2020	Global – this pandemic affected pretty much every country in the world, killing millions of people across the globe.
Invention of the Wheel approx 3500 BC	Global – incredibly importance and used worldwide still.
Beginning of Greek Civilisation approx 1600 BC	National...at the time. However, it was the basis of Western culture and civilisation, so also global.
Creation of the NHS 1946	National – important event for the UK as the NHS provide health care for free unlike other countries where you have to pay (although grown ups do contribute to it via taxation).



Look at each event again. Which is the *most* important? Why?  
Put the events in order, 1 the most important, 7 being the least important.  
Then we will compare our answers together.

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We all had different answers because events in history affects us all differently and we have different feelings about them.

The same is true for the eras of history that interest us; some people love the Vikings, some people like studying the Victorians, while others find the dinosaur era fascinating.

Adventure Through History is a tour through history, from Prehistory – the time of the dinosaurs – right through to today. We *know* you will find your era you're passionate about, and you too will become fascinated with everything history has to offer!



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