

My History Test

QUESTION: What Historically Significant Events Helped Develop Our Worldview?

TASK: Write a written response to the question above

✓ Canadian grammar and spelling is accurately used

An Accomplished level performance includes:

- Specific examples of historically significant people, places, events or developments from medieval and Renaissance time periods are connected to each aspect of worldview
- A modern day western worldview explanation of each aspect of worldview is identified
- Both the historical and modern examples are fully explained and clear as to their connection to aspects of worldview
- An overall statement of why these events are worth remembering is provided

STEPS: Successful Completion

1. Take 3 minutes now to brainstorm your overall answer to the question.
2. Take 2 more minutes to think of the historically significant events (past and present) you will use to support it.
3. Write the answer to the question first.
4. Write the examples that you will use to help explain your answer next.
5. Add an introduction and a conclusion.
6. Submit the entire piece of writing to Showbie.

Hint: do NOT try to cover all seven aspects of worldview. Try to use 1-2 that you know are personally relevant to you and that you connect back to medieval and Renaissance times.

Competency Being Assessed: Establish Historical Significance

How do we make choices about what is worth remembering?

- I can assess the significance of people, places, events or developments at particular times and places, including identifying what the creators of accounts, narratives, maps, or test, have determined is significant.

What historically significant events helped develop our worldview?

There are many significant events throughout history that shaped our worldview today, but if I were to choose, I have one particular invention in mind that I think impacted our lives immensely.

I believe that one of the most important historically significant events that helped shaped our modern worldview would be the creation of the eyeglass. As you may know, the eyeglass was created in the 1200s in Pisa, Italy, and soon spread across Europe. This led to the improvement within the lenses and the eventual development of telescopes and microscopes. These improvements within the eyeglass were key components in the major advancements of science at the time of the Renaissance. In conclusion, I believe that these inventions connect to 4 components of worldview; knowledge, values, beliefs, and society.

Before I go in depth on how this developed our modern worldview, I would first have to go back in time to the Medieval ages, and see how science was ignorantly perceived back then. First off, the people in the Middle Ages did not believe in humanism or rather the possibilities of humanity and the overall value of human life. During this time, it was a period of stagnation within the fields of science. One of the main causes for this was that the people's beliefs at the time were constricted to their religion, Christianity. Depending on their status, some of their lives were pitiful, and mostly spent towards attempting to gain their position in heaven. However, over the centuries, this caused unrest among the commoners, who wanted to bring classical culture back to life and focus on antiquity.

After years of facing the Black Death, the nobles were forced to pay the remaining workers, and eventually created a Middle Class and city-states, which led towards the renaissance. This meant that wealth was more easily passed around throughout the ranks of society, and people had more leisure time to focus on things like sciences and arts. Their society's worldview now consisted of the value of knowledge, and the belief in knowledgeable subjects like science.

Therefore, with this new appreciation for knowledge came some of the most impactful inventions of all time, including both the telescope and the microscope. As mentioned earlier, these two inventions would lead to major advancement within both fields of astronomy and biology.

The question is, how does this come into play within our modern worldview?

For example, the telescope and the advancement in astronomy led society to have a newfound curiosity towards space. Before this invention, studying the stars was left to only the naked human eye. Since there was no way to accurately depict space through sight, many things were misspectulated around it, including the consistent belief that the solar system revolved around Earth.

Our worldview now has a very strong acknowledgement of science, and many societies believe that education is an essential part of our daily lives. Without the invention of the eyeglass back in the 1200s and the eventual creation of the telescope, I believe that our worldview about the night sky would be completely different. Also, great inventions and human advancements like the rocket would be immensely affected as well. I definitely believe that our worldview wouldn't have as strong of a respect towards the component of knowledge without these inventions.