

The King in the Car Park

AOK: History



The Lewis Chessmen (Norway, 12th Century)

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The Cyrus Cylinder

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<http://abcnews.go.com/WNN/video/george-washington-truth-behind-delaware-river-crossing-15238324>

AOK: History / Fact or Truth...or neither?

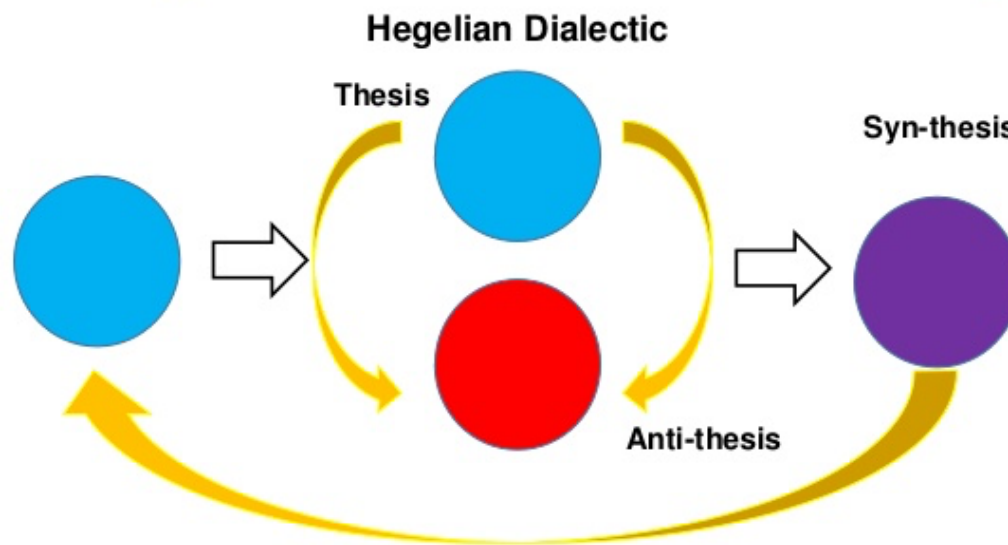
- Can we be sure if our construction of historical knowledge is based on an accurate, objective view of the past or our own subjective interpretation?
- Can historical writing be free of bias?
- How does the historian assess the reliability of sources?
- Are primary or secondary sources more reliable?
- Ought ethical judgments of history be relative or absolute?
- What is the relationship between the style of language used and the history that is written?
- What is a fact in history?



AOK: History / Knowledge Questions

- Is history cyclical?
- Is history linear?
- Is history the story of influential people? (Carlyle)
- Is history shaped by opposing forces? (Marx; Hegel)

What Hegel wanted to learn from history is..



AOK: History / Perspectives on Patterns

What if Cleopatra's nose had been shorter?



"Cleopatra's nose, had it been shorter, the whole face of the world would have been changed."

— **Blaise Pascal**

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You are to identify one specific point in history for which you are interested in changing the outcome. Once you have identified your point of divergence, you will need to consider both the immediate changes and the long-term impacts that divergence would have on modern society.



**WHAT
IF
I DON'T WANT TO
KEEP
CALM**

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History cooperative

A short history
of nearly
everything



Like I'd choose

a guy with a peach
fuzz stache and a
little girl's haircut
over a good book.
Back off.

With a partner (or partners), go to historycooperative.org & choose one of the articles to work with.

- 1) *Write a knowledge question based on your article.*
- 2) *What methods and materials were used to gain historical information?*
- 3) *What biases may be present here? Are certain narratives identifiable?*
- 4) *What applications can be made?*

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