

**HIS 100 Theme 1: Learning Block 1-3 Short Response Rubric**

**Prompt:** In two to three sentences, respond to the following prompt.

The video “What is History For?” argues that history matters because it provides solutions to the problems of the present. Recall the statement “Those who don’t know history won’t be able to improve the present.” Consider a recent event, either in your personal life or in the news. In a few sentences, describe a way that a past historical event could inform your understanding of the recent event. Briefly describe a strategy for how you could be conscious of presentism in applying the past to the present.

**Guidelines for Submission:** Respond to the prompt. Your response should be two to three sentences in length.

| Critical Elements           | Proficient (100%)  | Needs Improvement (75%)  | Not Evident (0%)   | Value       |
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| <b>Focus of Response</b>    | Provides focused and direct reflection to answer prompt                | Provides reflection, but the focus is unclear or unrelated to the prompt                 | Does not provide a reflection  | 40          |
| <b>Length of Response</b>   | Answer provided is two to three sentences                              | Answer provided is only one sentence   | Does not provide an answer   | 30          |
| <b>Communicates Clearly</b> | Clearly communicates key ideas and thoughts in a short answer response | Response needs clarification in order to support understanding of key ideas and thoughts | Response is not legible and key ideas or thoughts are not understandable | 30          |
| <b>Total</b>                |  |  |  | <b>100%</b> |