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This quote comes from the philosophical book *Mind in Common Sense*, published by George Santayana in 1905. It's time to study history, a gang or several. George Santayana says this line in the final section of the first volume of his book. He basically argues that if our world is going to make any progress, it must remember what it has learned from the past. After all, change is not the same thing as progress. Progress means taking what you've learned and building on it, but modern culture has a way of forgetting things so quickly that there is no chance to learn important lessons from the past. Let's see what we mean, try to build the fifth floor of a typical building that doesn't have the first or second floor. Do you get it? Like most things in life, you have to start from the bottom to see where you are coming from. Where you've heard itThis is the line that people like to frame around a little too, but you may also recognize Santaya screaming in Billy Joel's 1989 hit Billy Joel song, We Didn't Start Shooting. We imagine that Santayana is mentioned for two reasons: first, it has a wonderful name. Secondly, the song is about learning lessons from the past, so it makes sense to include the man who wrote one of the most famous lines ever about learning from the past. Additional notable referencesThis is by Molly Johnson's character in the 2008 film, *Swing Vote*. Buzz factorIf you drop this quote at a dinner party, do you get unison in a or everyone roll their eyes and never invite you again? Here it is, on a scale 1-10.As far as philosophical quotations go, and this one is very safe. You may get an eye roll sometimes, but just because this quote is so famous that many people have already heard dozens of times. You may put the thing on the shirt and save yourself the trouble of repeating it. But again, those who don't hear this quote over and over again are doomed to forget it... Think about it. Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it. The quotation is likely to be attributed to the writer and the scallanus George Santayana, and in its original form it is written by those who cannot remember the past and are doomed to repeat it. Santayana was known for his adage, and being a professor of philosophy at Harvard University, which he abandoned. Prior to that, Santayana attended Boston Latin School and Harvard College, where he studied under the philosophers William James and Josiah Royce. According to Santayana's philosophy, history repeats. The wording itself is certainly attractive. It is a great one, not only because it is so common, but also because if it is true and if history, driven by human nature, is ugly (hint: it is), this argument must guide our public and private policy. George Santayana (artist drawing: Samuel Johnson Wolf) a feeling that brings back history aspires to common sense and is difficult to disagree with. In the history of the United States and Europe, wars ended with the confiscation of The surrender of the government inevitably breeds more wars. Revolutions, such as those in France and Russia, that gave absolute power individualism - Napoleon and Stalin, respectively - inevitably ends up in failed empires brutal dictatorships. Even individuals are subject to this advice. Couples who do not learn from their battles break up. People who don't learn from their mistakes don't grow up in the 21st century, specific events in Syria have proven that there are frequent lessons about civil wars, such as the Vietnam War, that when superpowers intervene to fight proxy battles, the conflict becomes protracted. Incidentally, when Abraham Lincoln ruled during the American Civil War, he realized that it was necessary to alienate foreign powers such as Britain and France. So the rule of the skeptics is that history repeats and the saying is true, but... A poor Syrian girl hugs her injured father in the rebel-held town of Nashabeya, east of Damascus, November 30, 2017. More than 340,000 people have been killed in Syria since the conflict began in March 2011 with anti-government protests. (Amer Al-Mejdani/AFP/Getty Images) However, it doesn't really have any power. Didn't? History shows that both those who do not learn history and those who learn history are doomed to repeat it. If it is also true that those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it, then saying does not really add anything at all. Is that the case? After the repeated wars of the 19th century between Germany and France, France continues to demand the imposition of expropriated conditions of surrender to Germany after World War I in the 20th century. Then world war II took place. After failing to invest in education and infrastructure in Afghanistan after arming the invading anti-Soviet conflict in the 1980s, America neglected to make the same investments after later military campaigns in the Middle East. Then the Taliban and al-Qaeda rose. After Stalin's brutal regime of secret police and the cult of the leader, the Cuban revolutionaries allowed their charismatic revolutionary leader to seize absolute power. Castro still holds the seat of dictatorial power in Cuba. It may make sense that all the good things and all the bad things about people, the way we organize ourselves, will simply generate patterns as we continue to make history as a species. It may be that we are simply given some irrationality that leads us down the paths, some disastrous, over and over again. Santayana also said of human nature: Only the dead have seen the end of the war. Santayana, who disagreed with contemporaries such as William James, died in Rome in 1952. After leaving the United States, he became critical of American society in general, although such criticism was separate from his philosophical system. Let's consider what the famous humorist and writer Mark Twain said on this issue: history does not repeat itself, but it does not repeat rhyme. - Those who do not remember the past are doomed That. George Santayana is just returning from a visit to Krakow, a beautiful southern Polish city steeped in history. You may be aware that the Nazi death camps in Auschwitz and Birkenau are only about an hour outside Krakow. Before leaving Ireland, my husband and I discussed long and hard whether we should visit her, especially since our twelve-year-old son Luca will be with us. In fact, Luca said he wanted to go try to understand what happened. Obviously we are concerned that exposing him to such horror may be too much on his young mind and cause him shock. When discussing whether to visit a good friend he said: Fiona, you think a lot about things. That's right, I do, but it's a professional risk for me. When you see the results of a personal history it makes you think about your choices both as an individual but more so as a parent. We went to Auschwitz. Birkenau - it was far from terrible. I was sick in my stomach literally Luca was very upset by what we all saw how can anyone not be? As we walked through the camps with hundreds of other tourists literally, the phrase I am so sorry, I am very sorry, was in my mind. I know, of course, that I am not personally responsible for the unimaginable tragedies that have taken place there, but I have been and continue to feel deep regret on behalf of humanity. The above was written by philosopher George Santayana on one of the huts of imprisoned Jews and prisoners of war slept in, four or five people in one small bed. It was sad to see the reality of the circumstances 75 years after the end of the war and the liberation of the camp. I think the places have the energy and the vile energy in Auschwitz have never been like anything I've ever seen before. There were moments when I wanted to go back and run away as far away as possible before we went to the gas chambers, and it was actually Luca's courage that helped me get in. However, if Jewish survivors like Victor Frankel and Tommy Reichental (who lives in Ireland and who I have good luck to interview soon for my next book) can find in their hearts to be strong, to be emotionally flexible, to try to find meaning in such ferocious cruelty and spend their lives trying to teach and inform others then we must learn from them and help them keep their memories alive. At the collective level, we must remember the Holocaust to ensure that we do our utmost to spread love, not hatred, and to teach our children to be kind, tolerant and impartial. On a more subjective level, learning from your past is also necessary so that the negative parts will not be repeated. Our Amplify Voice campaign will fund the growth of our website, and will collectively help us raise our voice in Ireland, creating space for all of us to share, find support, and inspiration. 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