What is History?

IB 2019 HL INTRODUCTION

What is your opinion in 2017?



What will the opinion be in 2117?

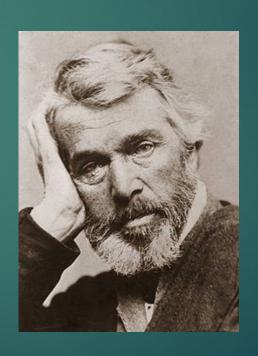
...history is the version of past events that people have decided to agree upon....

Napoleon Bonaparte



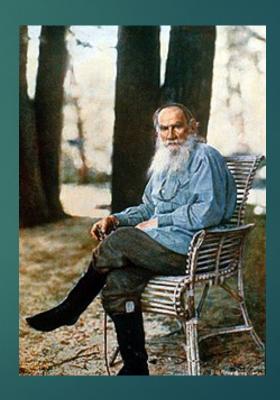
..no Great Man lives in vain. The history of the world is but the biography of Great Men...

Thomas Carlyle
On Heroes, HeroWorship and the
Heroic in History



..in historic events, the so-called great men are labels giving names to events, and like labels, they have but the smallest connection with the event itself...

Leo Tolstoy
War and Peace



"it is essential to recognize in the great man an outstanding individual who is at once a product and an agent of the historical process…the representative and creator of social forces which change the world

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