

## **SUGGESTED ACTIVITY**

### **HISTORY UNIT**

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#### Lessons from History

The purpose of this activity is to help the students apply knowledge of the past in order to help them analyze present day issues and events from multiple perspectives. The students will identify the central ideology, perspective and point of view of the author. The students will then analyze a “lesson from the past” and apply the present day ideology to the quote. This lesson will be done in small groups. Each group will consist of four to five members. Each member of the group will have read and highlighted the assigned primary source documents as homework. The historical “lessons” will be given to each group member and the entire group will have 30 minutes to discuss and apply the documents. After the allotted time, two members from each group will exchange results with two members from another group for approximately 20 minutes. The original groups will then reconvene and finalize their opinions and interpretations in writing referencing the primary source documents as support. This group interpretation will be turned in at the end of the block for a grade.