

# Why Study History? Spectrum

**Directions:** listed below are different reasons why you should study history. Read the statements and choose the five that you think are the most important reason to study history. Once you have chosen your top five reasons, rank them from most important (1) to least important (5).

- History gives you an opportunity to develop analytical thinking skills.
- History helps you better understand yourself and your actions.
- History helps you understand people who are different.
- History allows you to gain perspective and learn to see a bigger picture.
- History inspires you.
- History can help you connect to those who have lived before you.
- History is entertaining and fun.
- History helps us understand people and societies.
- History helps us understand change.
- History helps us develop our own morals.
- History provides identity to a group of people or culture.
- Studying history is essential for good citizenship.
- Understanding history is essential in our global society.
- History shapes who and what we are.

## Illustrated Spectrum



Create an illustrated spectrum showing the statements you chose from most important to least important. Write 2-3 sentences next to each statement explaining why you placed it where you did. Illustrate your spectrum with a picture for each statement.