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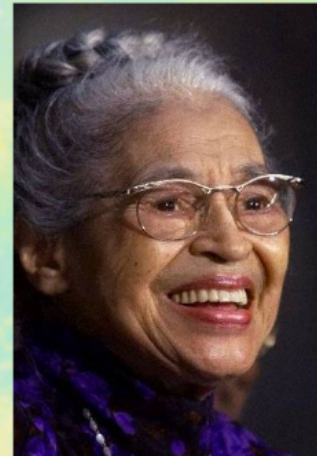
**Ourstory**

**or**

**Who's-story ?**

**or just**

**Story**





*"How could people live here before the invention of air-conditioning ? it must have been so uncomfortable !"*



# Historical Fallacy

An outcome is described as a set of causes or conditions which led to that outcome.

# Agree or Disagree ?

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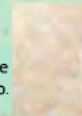
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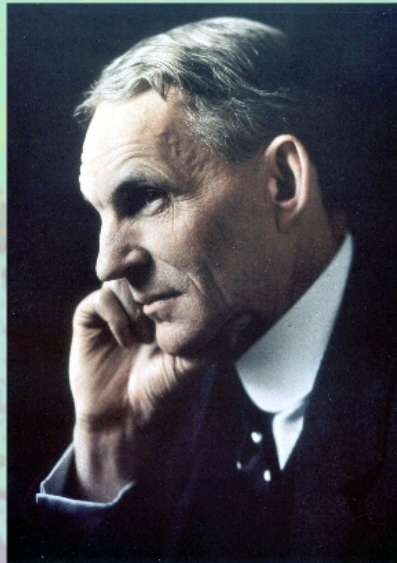
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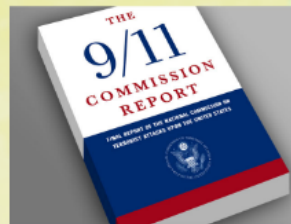
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# De ja vu



a feeling of having already experienced the present situation.

Does De ja vu really exist ?

Have you ever experienced it ?

What explanations do you have for de ja vu ?

can you use other WoKs, or AoKs ?

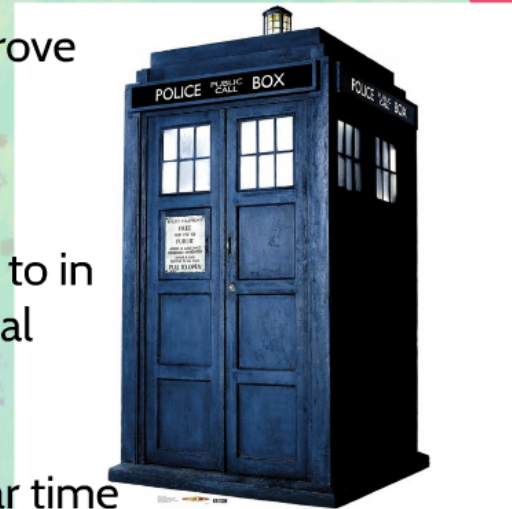
You have come into possession of the Tardis :)

You now have an opportunity to improve the historical record.

In 2-3's decide which historical time period / event you would travel back to in order to clarify / improve the historical record.

Why would you choose that particular time period / event ?

What is the competing evidence that needs clarifying ?



# Best Job Ever !

You are now in charge of the Official Record of The World thenceforth.

Work in pairs.

Devise a set of criteria by which you will judge which accounts of life (from 2015 onwards) are the most objective, and therefore will be placed into the historical record.



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