HISTORY PLAYS ITS ROLE

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These words have plagued our lives recently. And this inspired me to revisit what school has taught me which eventually became my personal bread and butter.

I am a secondary history teacher and I am an active citizen. I know that believing in history education can guide us in understanding our present live and the future it holds for us.

According to Slavin (2018) lessons of society’s and civilization’s history develops among students a better understanding of how their world functions and what contribute to its present state. History education can help inculcate a sense of togetherness and identity which are vital to humans.

As a teacher, in this trying time, we have a role to guide our students to revisit what our forefathers have sacrificed for us to enjoy what we have today. We need to develop among our students the value of the learnings of the past. We need to let them appreciate
the noble deeds of all the people who sacrificed for the benefit of this generation and the generation to come.

We should not let them be distracted by the tactics of those people who are venturing in instilling fear and hate among the people just to achieve their selfish motives. As a teacher in an academic institution, we need to focus their interests in understanding the benefits of history to their present lives and to their future.

History education should not be a boring class and a mere memorization of dates and people’s names. It should be about connecting the past to the present and connecting it to its effect to the future. History education will be put to waste if this generation will forget struggles we faced in the past as a nation and as human beings.

The learning of the past must guide our decisions to always serve the society and the nation towards common good. We should not allow ourselves to be used for the repeat of the mistakes and not just mistakes but horrors of the past.

As teachers we should not just educate this generation of how they can read and write and count. They should learn how to learn form the past and apply it in their decisions for the presents.

We need to be vigilant. We need to uphold truth, justice and freedom and fight for our democracy as lifelong learners of this nation.
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