

HOW DIVERSE IS OUR HISTORY CURRICULUM?

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Why is diversity in history important?

Every school teaches history, and your average secondary school student in the West will have heard of the Age of Exploration, the American Revolution, and the gigantic and influential British Empire. But when we are taught about these topics, the emphasis is often focused on the European perspective, and the conquered peoples often do not receive proper representation in your average textbooks.

But as the United States and the West are becoming more multicultural, how long will this teaching method survive for? Is it time to update the curriculum for students of all colors and creeds to learn what their cultures have contributed to the country's past?

