

Why Don't We Learn?

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A very brief essay on asking why we don't learn from our mistakes

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“Learn from your mistakes.” Teachers have said this to students generation after generation, but to no avail, for barely anyone ever listens. Look at society. They say, “History repeats itself.” But why? Because we don’t do what we should. Learn. Over and over again we constantly hear, “Don’t get angry over mistakes, instead learn from them.” Also, why do we have History lessons? So we don’t make the same mistakes that we did years ago. In my opinion, this has become one of the biggest problems in society today.

Evidence of my statement holds true in many cases. Look at those criminals. I recently heard that 90% of all criminals commit the same crime that they had committed before. There was also a child molester on the news yesterday. Even though they had stuck him in jail and therapy twenty-three years ago, he is being accused of molesting and murdering a nine-year-old girl today. Furthermore, look at all the tragic wars all have gone through. Why was there a World War II after World War I? Couldn’t we have fixed our problems and mended our wounds? Now for Columbine, one of the most devastating incidents including a school and a student with a gun in history. You’d think that people would take notice and enforce rules and put away all guns from students everywhere. You’d think so, but that’s not what happened. At first, sure, everyone was on their toes, alert and aware. But after awhile, it got mundane and redundant. Slowly, they slackened until the awareness went down to what it had been before. And now, there was a boy from Idaho who decided to take a gun and kill innocent people and himself. Can you see the pattern here? All in all, factual evidence can support what I feel.

So, the question and the questions it arises still stand. We all must ask this: Why don’t we learn ?