



World History Second Conditional discussion questions

Part One- Rules in the past and present

Choose one of the rules or policies from the past and explain under what circumstances you would reintroduce that rule. If no one else in your group can think of a better reason, you get one point.

- corporal punishment in schools
- public shaming of criminals
- soup kitchens
- poor houses
- slum clearance
- child labour
- prohibition (banning alcohol)
- banishment (forcing criminals to leave the country)
- transportation (taking criminals to another country as settlers)
- a royal family with real powers
- redistribution of land
- witch trials
- public executions
- Roman circuses
- banning of particular religions
- banning people from travelling abroad
- limiting what names people could give their children
- banning particular kinds of clothes, e.g. turbans
- forcing people to go to the church, temple or mosque
- having rules about personal appearance, e.g. on whether people can have beards or not

Part Two- Discussion questions

- How would we treat Neanderthals if they were still alive, do you think?
- What historical period would you travel to if you could travel to any time at all?
- Who would you want to meet if you could meet anyone from the past?
- If you could change the history syllabus in your schools, what would you do?
- What would you do if you weren't allowed to vote due to your age, gender or income?
- What would happen if oil ran out? Would we return to the state we were in in the past? If so, which period would it be like?