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When I began my college career, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do. I had the vague notion I wanted to help people and while I had earlier inclinations of becoming a teacher, initial failure in college left me with a deeply bruised ego and a lack of confidence rendering me incapable of deciding what I wanted to do with my life. I took classes that interested me, I completed my requirement classes in science, math, and English then decided to mostly take sociology and history classes. Most of the US history classes I took were focused on the period between the late 18th century until present day and the world history classes mostly focused on 5000 BCE to 800 CE with a small amount of my historical knowledge coming from cursory sources such as historical analogs and narratives. Sociology classes helped to round out my historical classes by giving contrasting information about the popular culture of these periods as well as the various movements and migrations of the people. As it stands now, my knowledge and understanding of events, periods and influential figures in US history between 1800 and 1998 is solid. My understanding of events, figures, and periods is shaky for the periods between pre-colonial US history until the 1800s, though I do still know of the broad events and influential figures, my comprehension of these areas is somewhat lacking. World history is also one of the subjects I did poorly on during the test, more specifically, events between the 1500's until the 1800's, this being said, I still had a decent understanding of events during this time just not as solid as US history, this is mainly, once again, due to the fact that I didn't have the opportunity to take classes covering these time periods as they would often fall during times when I had a seemingly more important class to be taking at the time. I still have exposure to major events and figures between the 1500s to the 1800s through historical analogs and narratives read in my free time as history is one of the few subjects I regularly work with on my free time.