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This scheme reflects the most important aspects of “doing history” which I highlighted while taking History 1120 course. In my opinion, critical thinking is the most important part of this process because, as I have already mentioned, it helps to develop a relatively unbiased view on certain historical events. Also, critical thinking is a very useful skill in life in general as well as in other courses that I have taken this semester (such as English and Sociology). Next significant point in the context of this course is reading primary and secondary sources which provide the information about historical events and figures and analyzing them (at this point critical thinking is required to figure out which information is reliable and relevant). Last but not least, in this course, we usually compared the events of the past and present in different contexts. This method allows to understand what has changed a lot since those times and what has stayed the same through the time. It also helps to see how the events of the past had an impact on our modern world.