

Why We Tend to Forget History and Heritage

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These days, while we live and enjoy the present,
We often tend to forget the things that matter
To older persons and preservationists alike.

For many reasons,
Landmarks are the only extant link clearly visible
To the younger generations and to the people
That have a heart for history and heritage:
That a significant event took place,
A style of certain distinction is featured,
Or a cultural institution of the past is portrayed.

Why are some people numb to the feelings
Of the people that fight
For the generations to come?
Is it because of indifference?

Or maybe it's because that those landmarks
Are not compatible with the plans that are set
By the greedy or boastful owners of the sites
That are in question?

They only care about the present,
Not being aware of the consequences
That the future will bring.

Countless landmarks have come and gone
Throughout time and through different means:
Wars, natural disasters, indifference and greed.

You cannot change what is past,
But we can still fight for the old landmarks
That have passed periods of time and are still with us today.

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