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The study of history offers students the ability to develop important intellectual skills. History students will gain a political and cultural awareness that leads to a deeper appreciation of news, literature, art, and music. Further, the study of history at TAMU-CC will help students understand the complex multicultural environment in South Texas, the nation, and the world. Some of the qualities that make for a successful history student include: independence of thought and spirit, analytical mind, curiosity, resourcefulness, reflective nature, an appreciation of past events and achievements.