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## **Phony TOK Concepts**

These episodes demonstrate that doubt sharpens empirical inquiry by filtering out erroneous conclusions. They also reflect the TOK concepts of justification and evidence—claims are not accepted solely on authority or novelty but must withstand skeptical scrutiny.

Thus, while scientific knowledge aspires to context-independence, its development and application are undeniably influenced by context. TOK concepts like reliability and generalization show us that context, though less emphasized, still plays a role in our understanding of scientific knowledge.



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For instance, Pablo Picasso's Cubism disrupts traditional representation by offering multiple perspectives within a single frame—subjectivity becomes a lens for understanding reality in a non-linear, emotional way. This form of artistic knowledge does not seek objectivity; rather, it values the authenticity of personal insight. The TOK concept of 'perspective' is central here—viewers and artists engage with artworks through their own lenses, enriching the interpretative experience.

However, the process of selecting, interpreting, and narrating events is inherently subjective. For example, the differing historical accounts of the Hiroshima bombing—from U.S. military justification to Japanese civilian suffering—highlight the role of cultural and political perspective in shaping historical narratives.



#### **Basic, General, Boring Examples**

In History, understanding is deeply rooted in the interpretation of context. Historians seek not merely to recount events, but to understand motivations, consequences, and significance. For example, the causes of World War I—ranging from imperial rivalries to the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand—cannot be grasped outside their geopolitical and cultural context. The Treaty of Versailles is often evaluated not just on its terms but through the lens of post-war resentment and economic depression that it exacerbated.



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In contrast, the Natural Sciences strive for knowledge that is less context-dependent, aiming for universality through the scientific method. However, even here, context matters more than it appears. Consider Newton's laws, which were deemed universal until Einstein's theory of relativity provided a broader context, altering our understanding of gravity and motion.



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#### **Hallucinations and Other Evidence Issues**

#### ? What is the Mendelian Paradox?

The Mendelian paradox is the puzzle that:

If Mendel's laws are so clear and mathematically elegant, why didn't anyone notice them earlier, and why were they ignored for decades after Mendel published them in 1866?

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Here are some well-documented sources and details (outside of Wikipedia) about the **David Irving / Irving v. Penguin Books and Lipstadt** case, with a focus on how it relates to reliability, interpretation, and manipulation of historical evidence. These can help you in a TOK essay when evaluating interpretation as a tool in history.

#### **Key Sources & What They Say**

- 1. Richard J. Evans, Lying About Hitler: History, Holocaust, and the David Irving Trial
  - Evans was the lead expert historian for the defense in the Lipstadt trial. Wikipedia +4
  - He spent over two years examining Irving's writings, speeches, and use of sources.
  - One striking quote from Evans (in the trial) was:

"Not one of [Irving's] books, speeches or articles, not one paragraph, not one sentence in any of them, can be taken on trust as an accurate representation of its historical subject. All of them are completely worthless as history, because Irving cannot be trusted anywhere, in any of them, to give a reliable account of what he is talking or writing about." (Wikipedia +2)

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