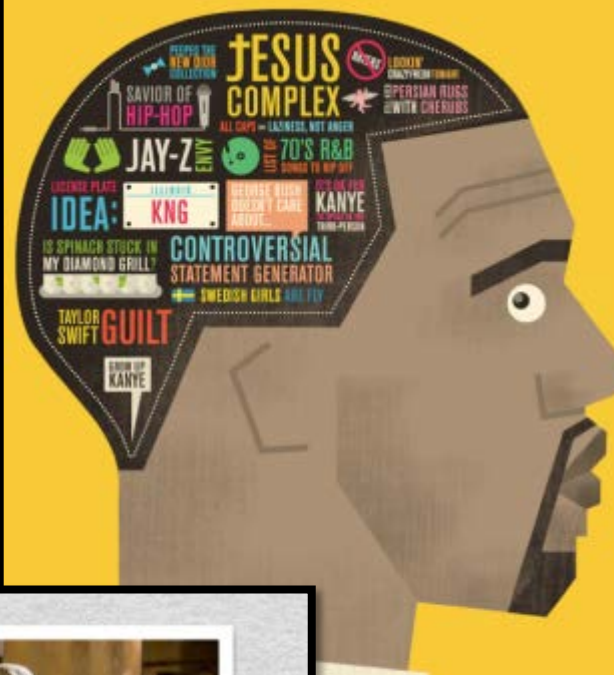


HISTORY LESSON

DRAW
YOUR HEAD
THEN FILL
IT UP WITH
WORDS
AND
PICTURES
SHOWING
WHAT'S
GOING ON
IN THERE.



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“When people give you advice, they’re really just talking to themselves in the past.”

– Austin Kleon



What’s the best advice you have received? What’s the best advice you’ve given? What do you think of what Austin Kleon said? What would you ask your future self? What would you tell your younger self?

SUMMARIZE

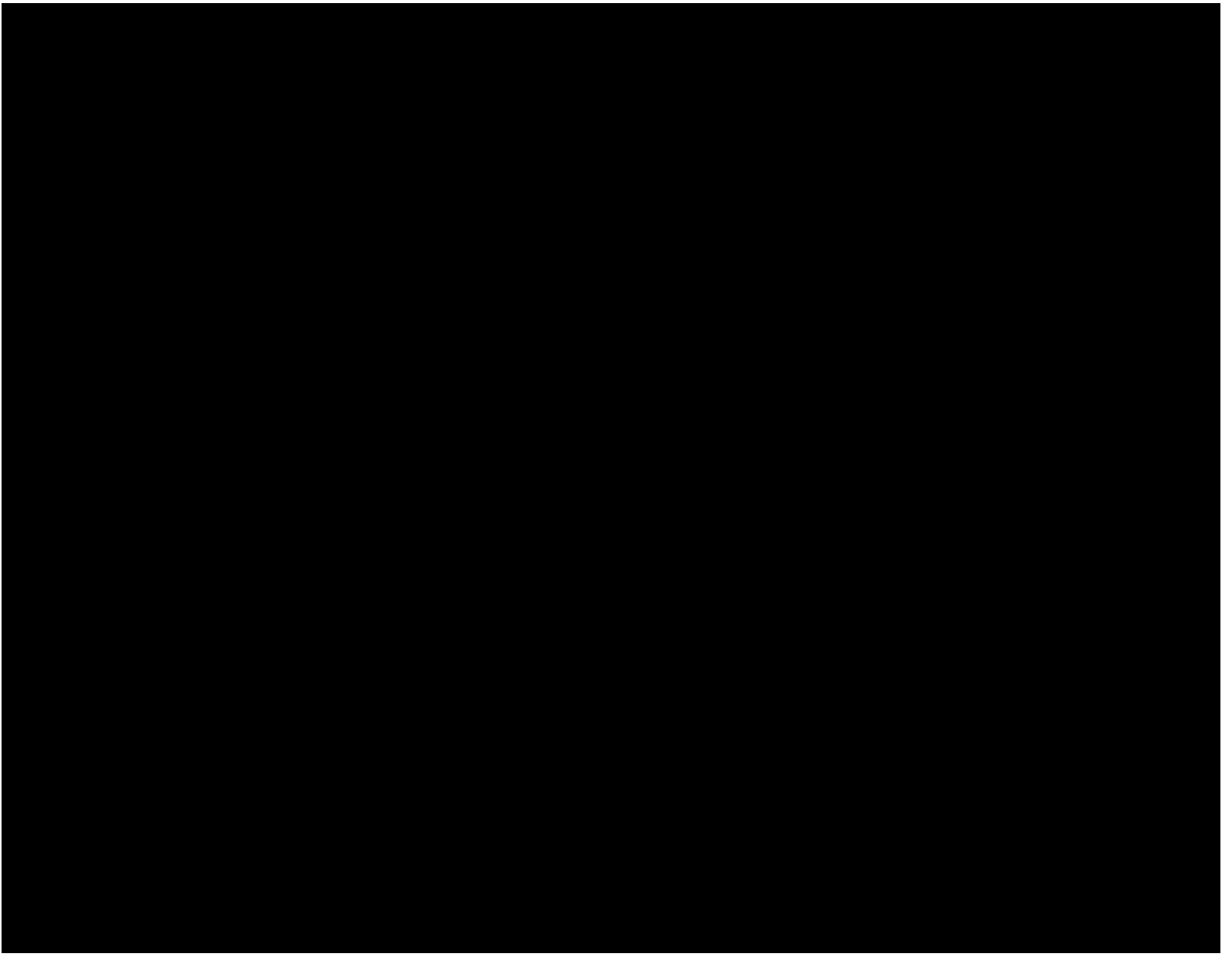
Write a succinct, but informative summary of what occurs in Clarke's "History Lesson".

Put your name on it! This is your homework check 😊

THE FOOTAGE...

Find “a brilliant light flashed from the projector” (pg. 5) and read until “...then it was all over.”

Consider, based upon the “evidence” provided, what kind of assumptions might be made about Earth’s former inhabitants.



IN RESPONSE:

Imagine you are an archaeologist 1000 years into the future. You have just discovered and viewed this cartoon. What kind of assumptions might you make about Earth's society* at the time based upon this clip?

****consider customs, morals and values***

Take it EVEN deeper. Imagine an archaeologist discovers caches of your Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts; what assumptions do they make about your values, customs and morals?

COMPARE/CONTRAST

Earth and Venus are “sister” or “twin” planets; similar in some respects and drastically different in others.

- *“Whatever force had caused the change, had doomed one civilization, but had given birth to another”*

Investigate the story and compare and contrast Earth (Planet Three) with Venus. *Try for 5 examples each.*

Venus



Earth



EXPLORING EXAMPLES OF IRONY IN “HISTORY LESSON”:

“not all intelligent life must necessarily be reptilian”

- What characteristics do we attribute to the reptilian brain?
- What has this story revealed about reptilian life on Venus?
- How does this contrast with our views?

“such a conception is *alien* to our thoughts”

What other instances of irony are found in this story?

THEME AND MORAL

Consider both “stories” and their common thread—the artifacts/relics.

- “most sacred of all because the least understood” (part 1)
- “at last...we have discovered the exact form and nature of the ruling life on the Third Planet” (part 2)

***There are at least a couple correct answers for each!**

FINISH UP:

Complete your story elements sheet as well as the comprehension questions.