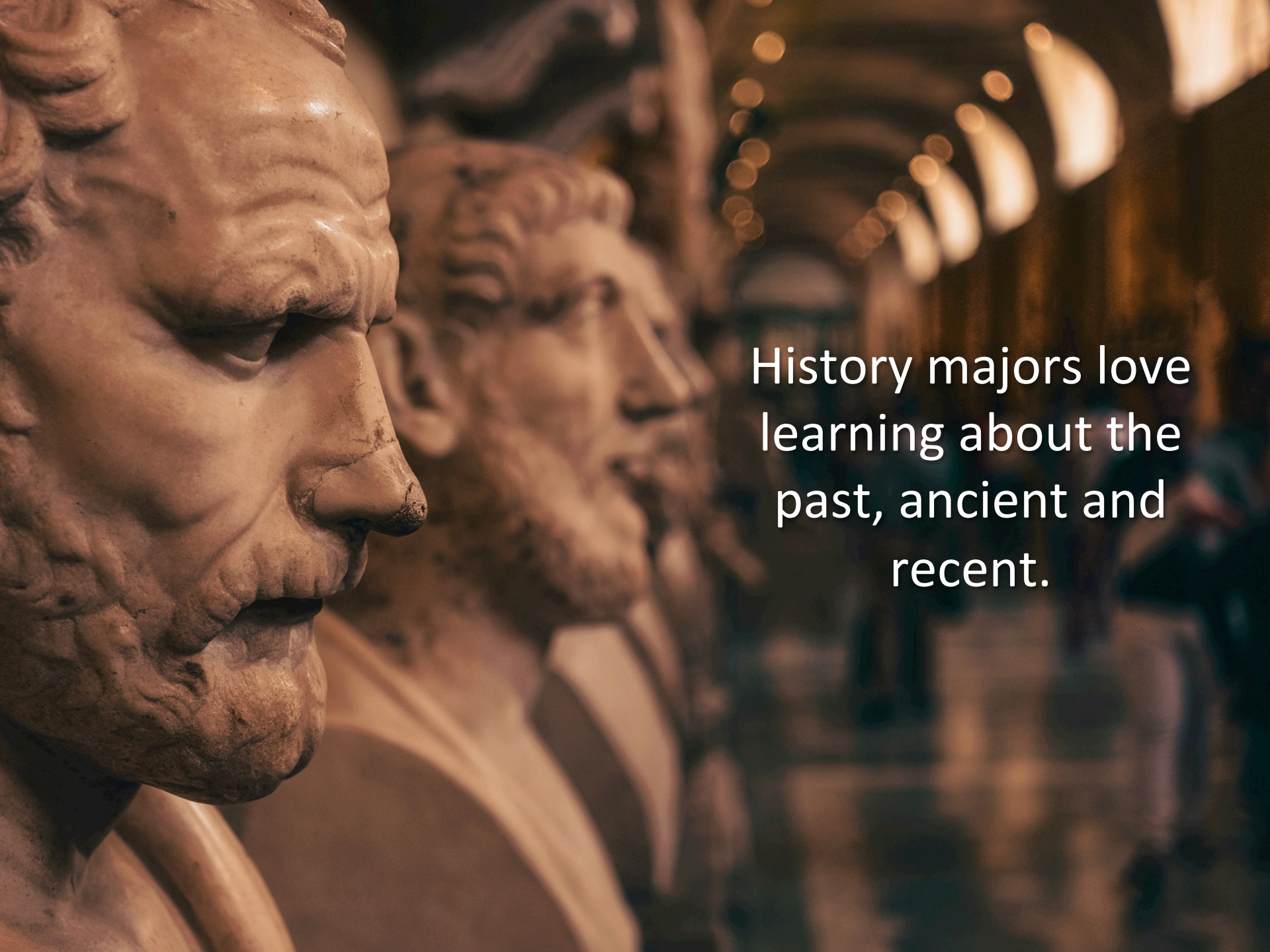


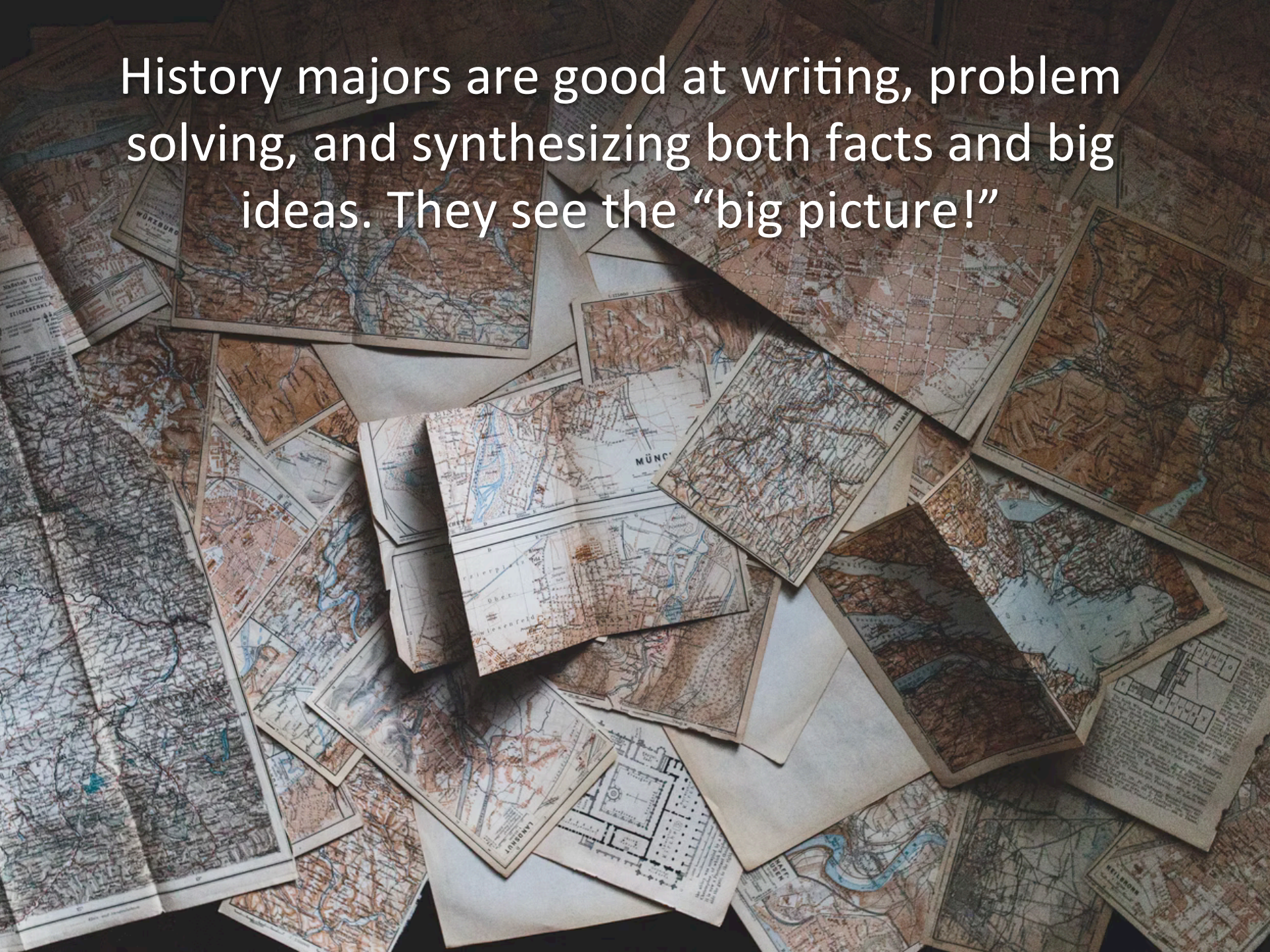
Why Is It Great to Be a History Major?





History majors love learning about the past, ancient and recent.

History majors are good at writing, problem solving, and synthesizing both facts and big ideas. They see the “big picture!”




History majors bring knowledge about “why X is the way it is” to the table. Solving X problem without understanding the “why” is impossible.



History majors get jobs in a wide array of fields. Yes, many go on to be teachers or lawyers, but archives and libraries hire history majors, some go on to careers in finance, human resources, management, medicine, NGOs, journalism, and public relations.

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Median salaries for mid-career history majors are \$62,000/year, according to a 2017 NY Federal Reserve study.

And if you love history, but have a different major, think about doing a MINOR with us.



Where Can You Learn about Being a History Major?




U N I V E R S I T Y of
HOUSTON

COLLEGE of LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES
Department of History

The best place to learn about being a history major at UH is on
the History Department's website at:

<http://www.uh.edu/class/history/undergraduate/>.

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As you explore the undergraduate section of our website, be sure to look at the articles about careers and graduate study:

<http://www.uh.edu/class/history/undergraduate/careers/>.

You might find the American Historical Association's website useful:
<https://historians.org/>.

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If you have questions about being a history major, speak with one of your history professors.



Or you can come see us!



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How Can You Market Yourself and Your History BA Effectively?



Give yourself time to explore intellectually and think about possibilities, but once you have settled on a possible career direction, start to plan and make use of University Career Services (<http://www.uh.edu/campus-life/career-services/>).

Careers Services can help you develop strategies for a job search as well as devising ways to market yourself effectively.



Think about how you are choosing courses and the work you are doing in your courses. Identify for yourself your possible career interests (for example, law, environment and energy, health and medicine, public history) and the marketable skills you are learning.



Get a technical skill while getting your BA—these could include quantitative skills (especially in statistics); fluency in one or more foreign languages; data analysis; web development; or database management.



Consider a study abroad program. UH runs many and can connect you with more. Here's information about the Learning Abroad Office and their programs:

<http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/>.

International experience can be very helpful in a job search.

