## Introducing children to national history

There is no doubt that they are our future and it is of utmost importance to instil values in children so that we have a generation nurturing the ideals that this nation was founded upon. This will help foster a sense of identity, belonging, and pride among its future citizens.



The introduction must be made at a very early age. Thus, perhaps the best way to start is through storytelling. We are fortunate that among us we still have people who witnessed the golden days. Their first-hand narratives can be captivating stories for children. A

grandfather or a father, a grandmother or a mother, recounting tales of the golden times as part of a late-night storytelling session is possibly the best way to instil patriotic values in children.

Learning through books is also an option but it is more interesting to start

lessons in history by visiting sites and monuments of historic significance. These structures create a practical image and help children understand the history and its results on our current lives. Encouraging children to ask questions upon visiting these sites will not only create interest in them but also refresh our memories and understanding of Bangladesh's history.

It is most important that we allow future

generations to engage in critical thinking as they form their national identities and develop a sense of pride and civic responsibility. And for them to remain interested in our narrative of events we must work hard so that Bangladesh's rich history continues to resonate with generations to come.

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