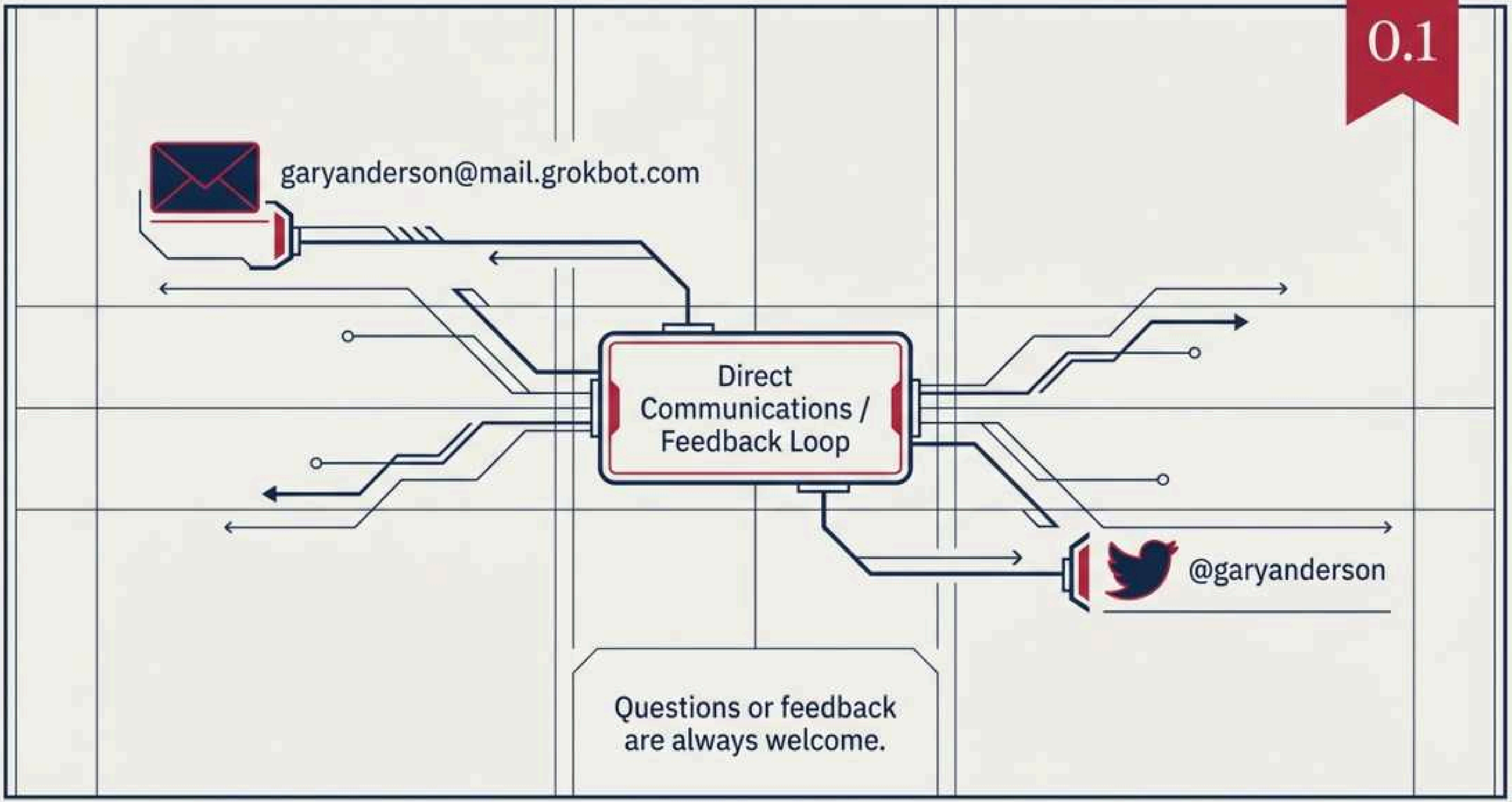
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# HIST 202 B




B = Brief (Overview + 6 short lectures)

## Scope

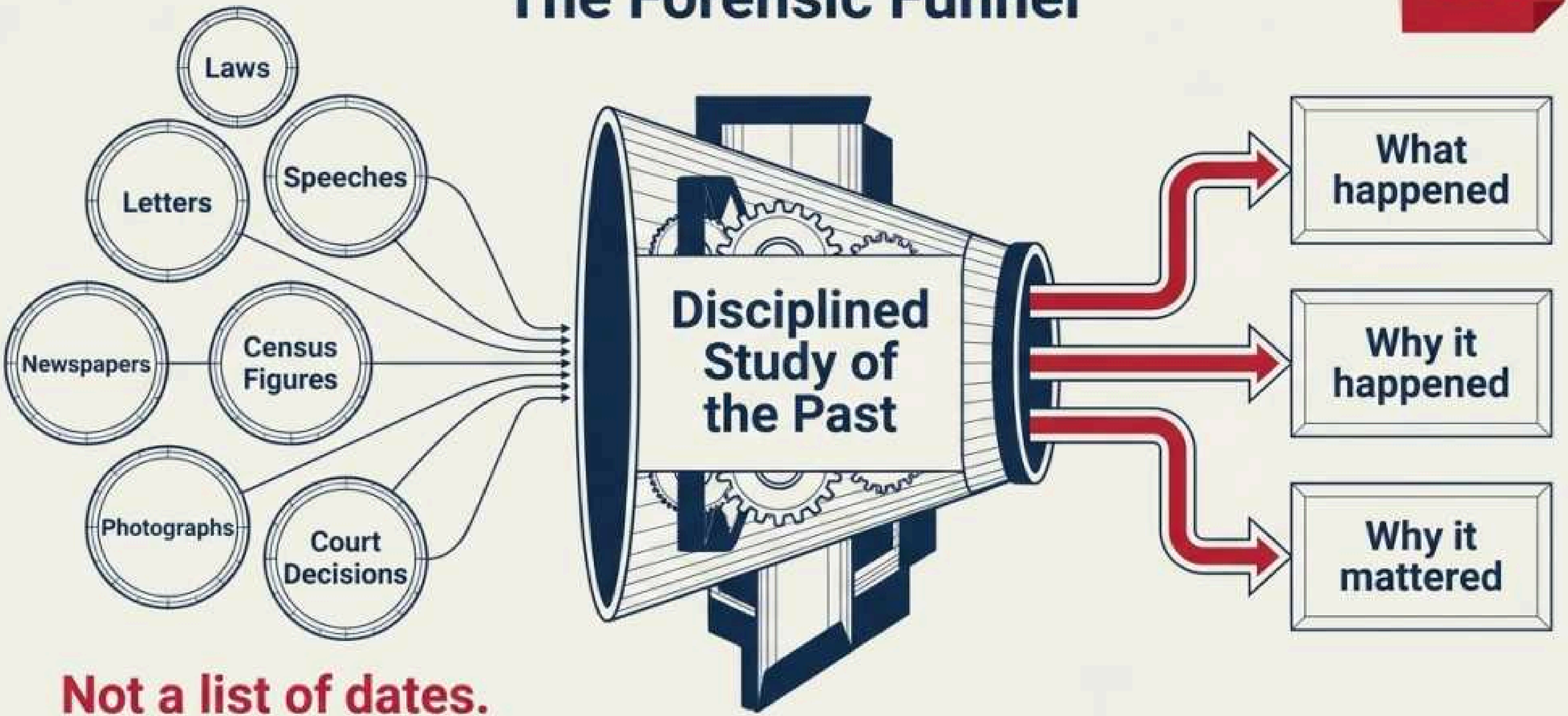
# United States History since 1877

## Target Outcomes

- ✓ Tell the story of the US from the end of Reconstruction to the present.
- ✓ Explain the main causes of its great changes.
- ✓ Weigh the evidence for competing interpretations.

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# The Forensic Funnel




**Not a list of dates.**

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# Load-Bearing Bridge

Voting Rights

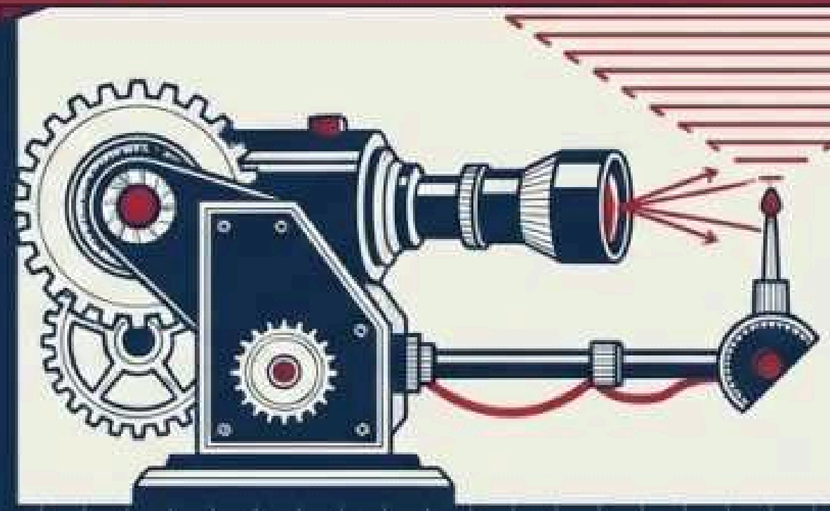
Size of Government

Immigration

The Economy

The Nation's Role in the World

## Claims about the Past



Knowing the record lets you test these claims instead of simply accepting them.

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## Lecture 1: Gilded Age Dynamics

End of Reconstruction, Rise of Jim Crow, Great Industrial Expansion, Labor/Farm/Immigrant Struggles.

## Lecture 2: Expansion & Conflict

The Progressive Era, The Move into Empire, The First World War.

## Lecture 3: Boom to Bust

The nineteen-twenties, The Great Depression, The New Deal.

## Lecture 4: Mid-Century Shifts

Second World War, Early Cold War (Pearl Harbor to the suburbs).

## Lecture 5: Upheaval & Rights

Civil Rights Movement, The Great Society, Vietnam War, Movements of the nineteen-sixties.

## Lecture 6: Modern Era & Application

Crises of the seventies, Conservative turn, End of the Cold War, 21st Century Events.

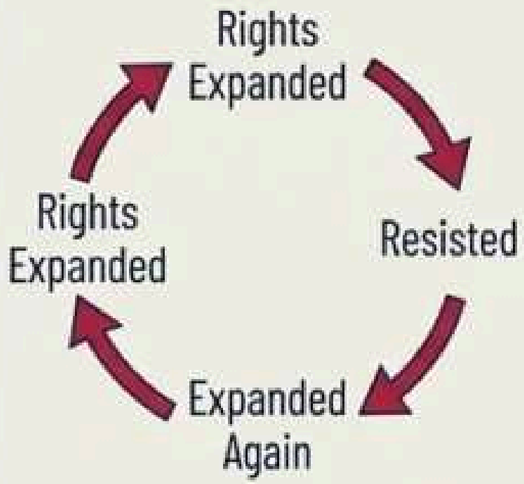
Plan for using what you have learned.

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# The Three Big Ideas

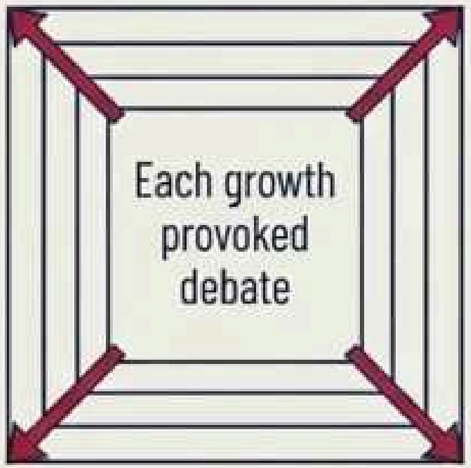
## Citizenship

The nation repeatedly argued over who counts as a full citizen.



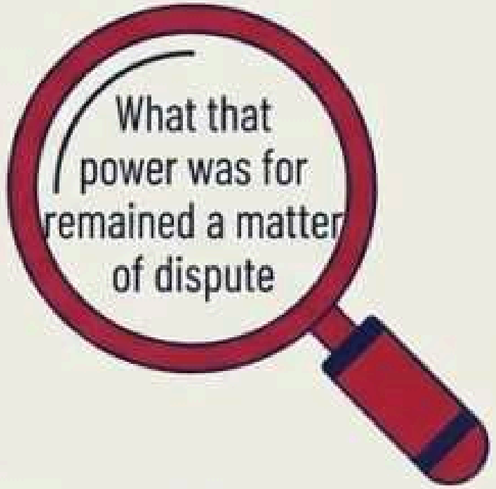

## Federal Power

The role of the government grew in response to crises.




## Global Power

The United States became a global power.



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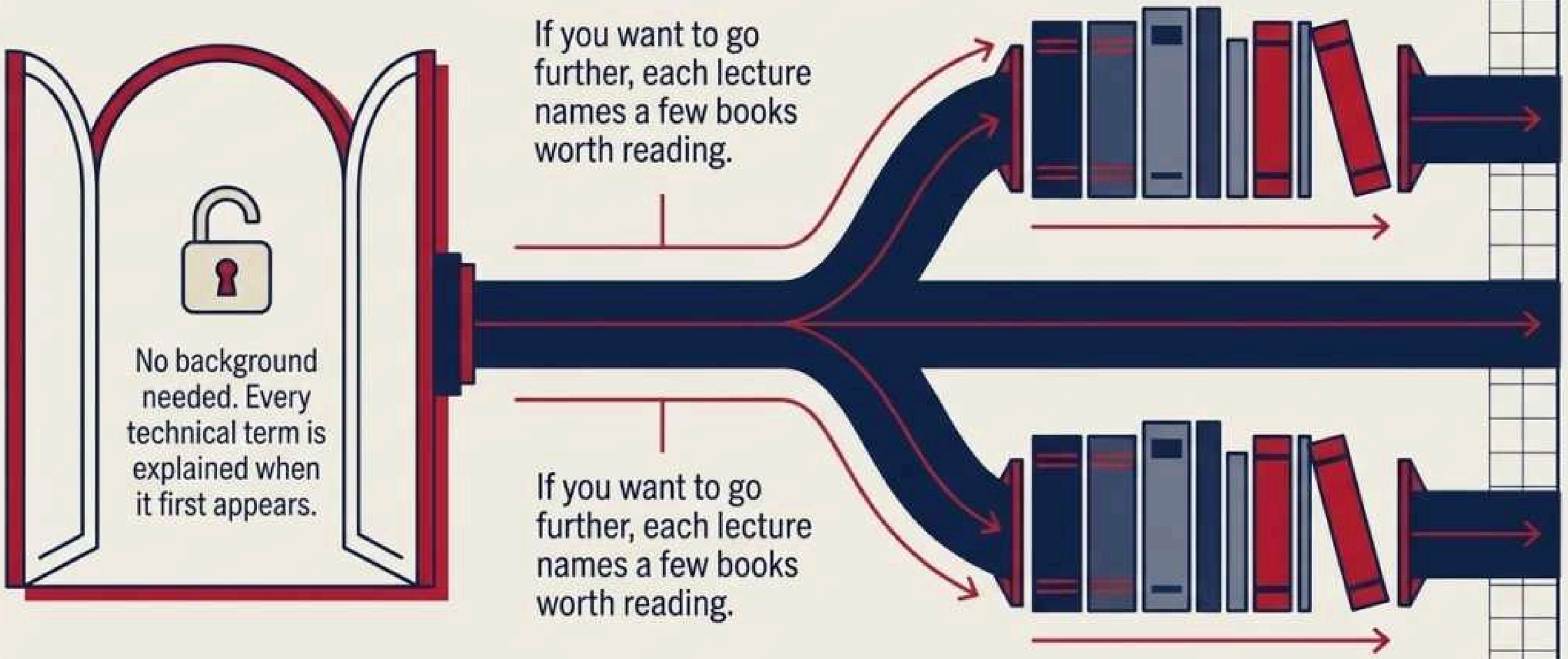
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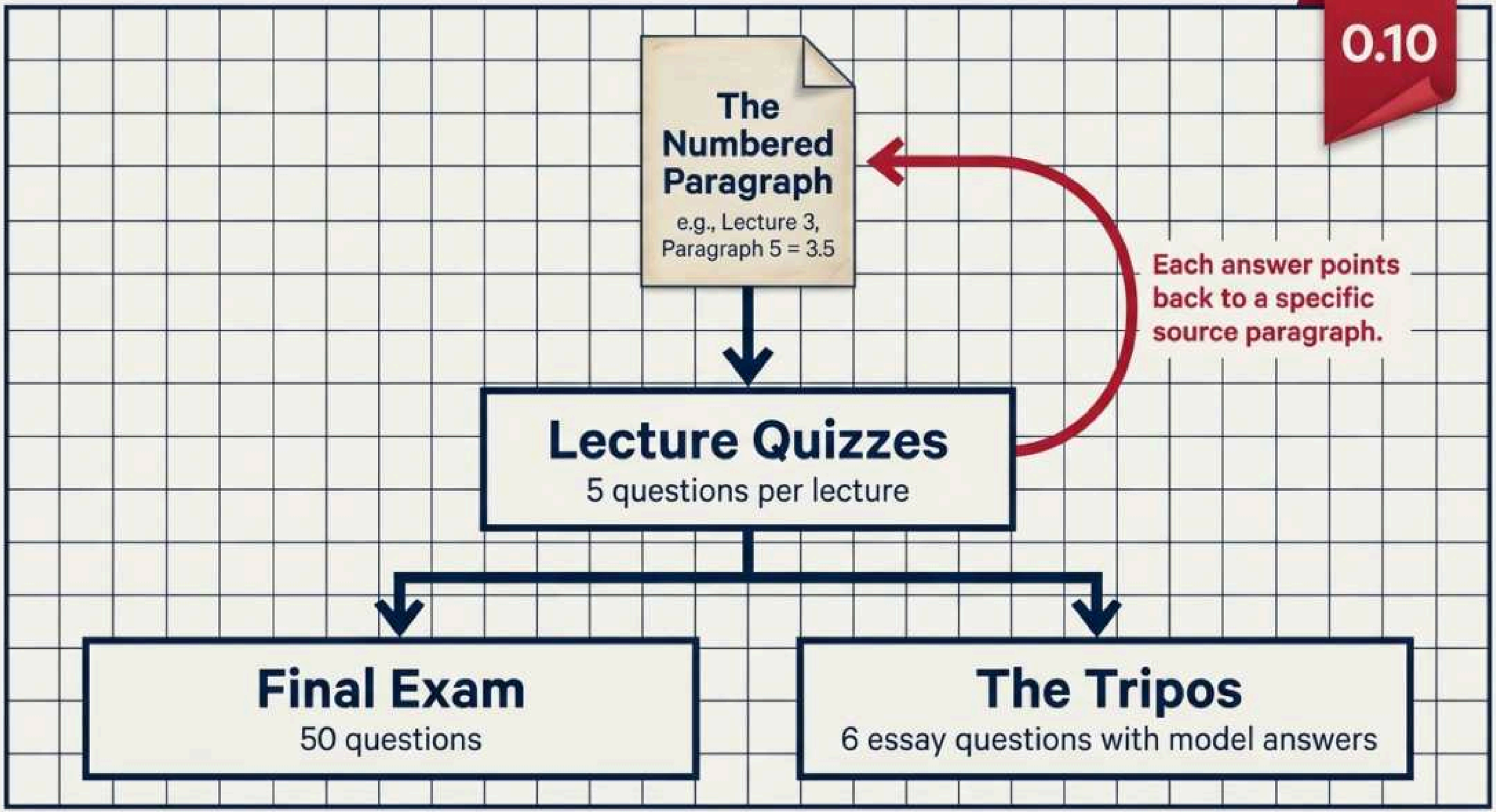
| The Historian's Approach | Modern Political Punditry |
| --- | --- |
| • Acknowledges disagreement about causes and how to weigh them (and says so when it happens).<br>• Describes events and the historical arguments surrounding them. | Dictates conclusions on contested political questions today.<br>(This course explicitly rejects this approach). |

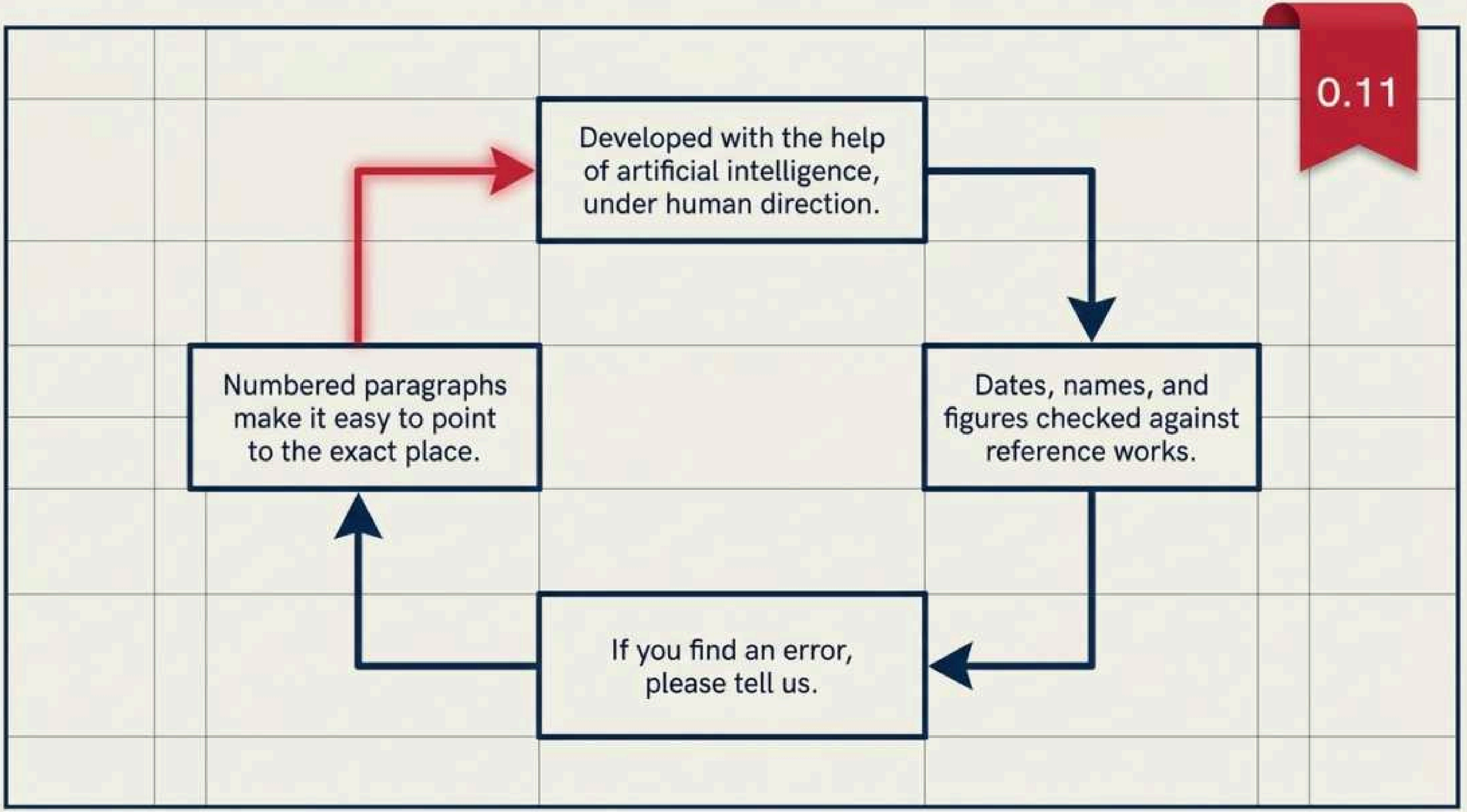
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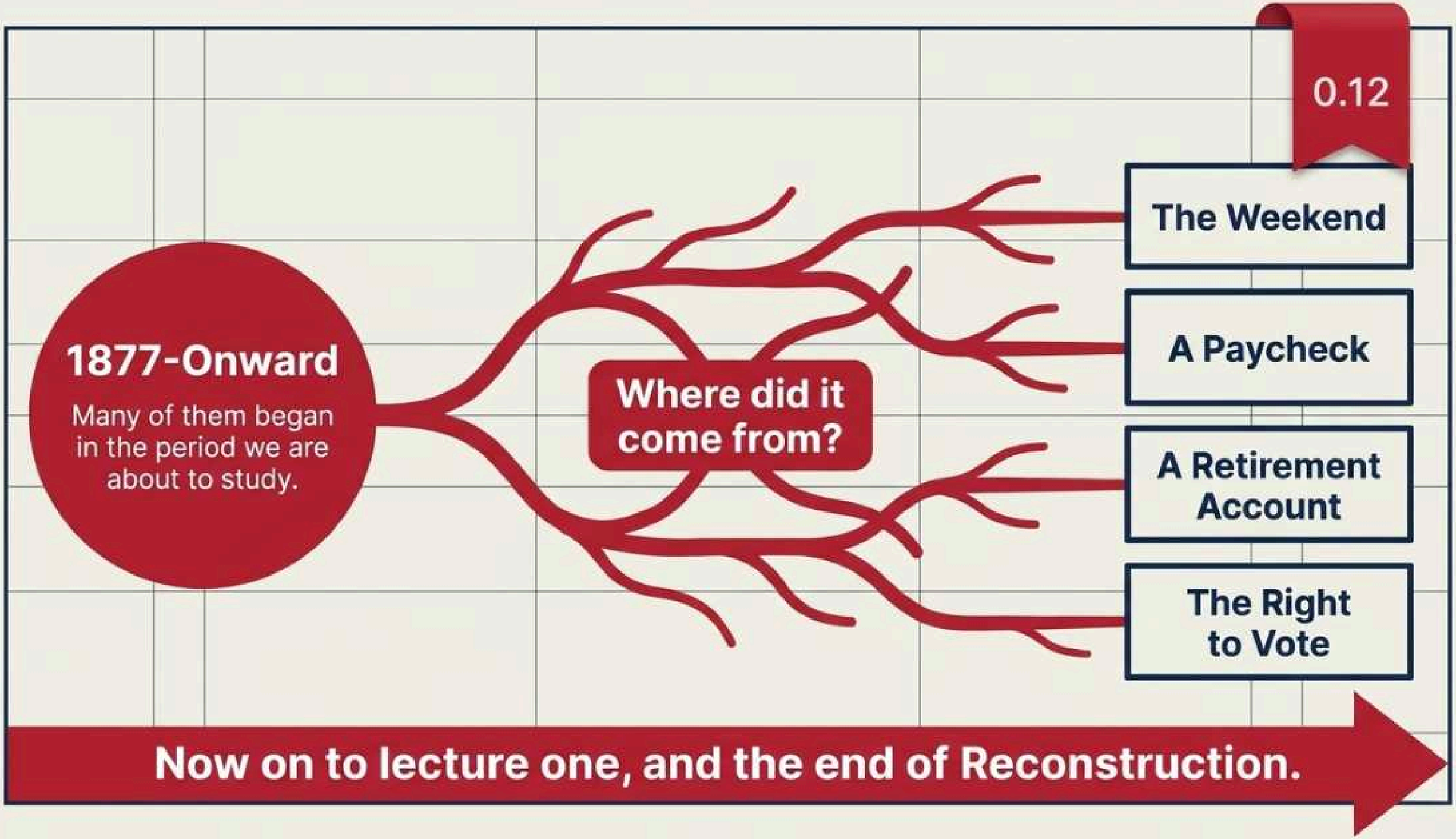
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# Knowledge Base Access




The Numbered Paragraph
e.g., Lecture 3, Paragraph 5 = 3.5
Each answer points back to a specific source paragraph.
Lecture Quizzes
5 questions per lecture
Final Exam
50 questions
The Tripos
6 essay questions with model answers


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Developed with the help of artificial intelligence, under human direction.
Dates, names, and figures checked against reference works.
If you find an error, please tell us.
Numbered paragraphs make it easy to point to the exact place.


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1877-Onward
Many of them began in the period we are about to study.
Where did it come from?
The Weekend
A Paycheck
A Retirement Account
The Right to Vote
Now on to lecture one, and the end of Reconstruction.