

How Historians Think

Causation



Explaining the way historians think about key concepts and skills in the academic study of history.

Importance
How crucial it was to the event happening.

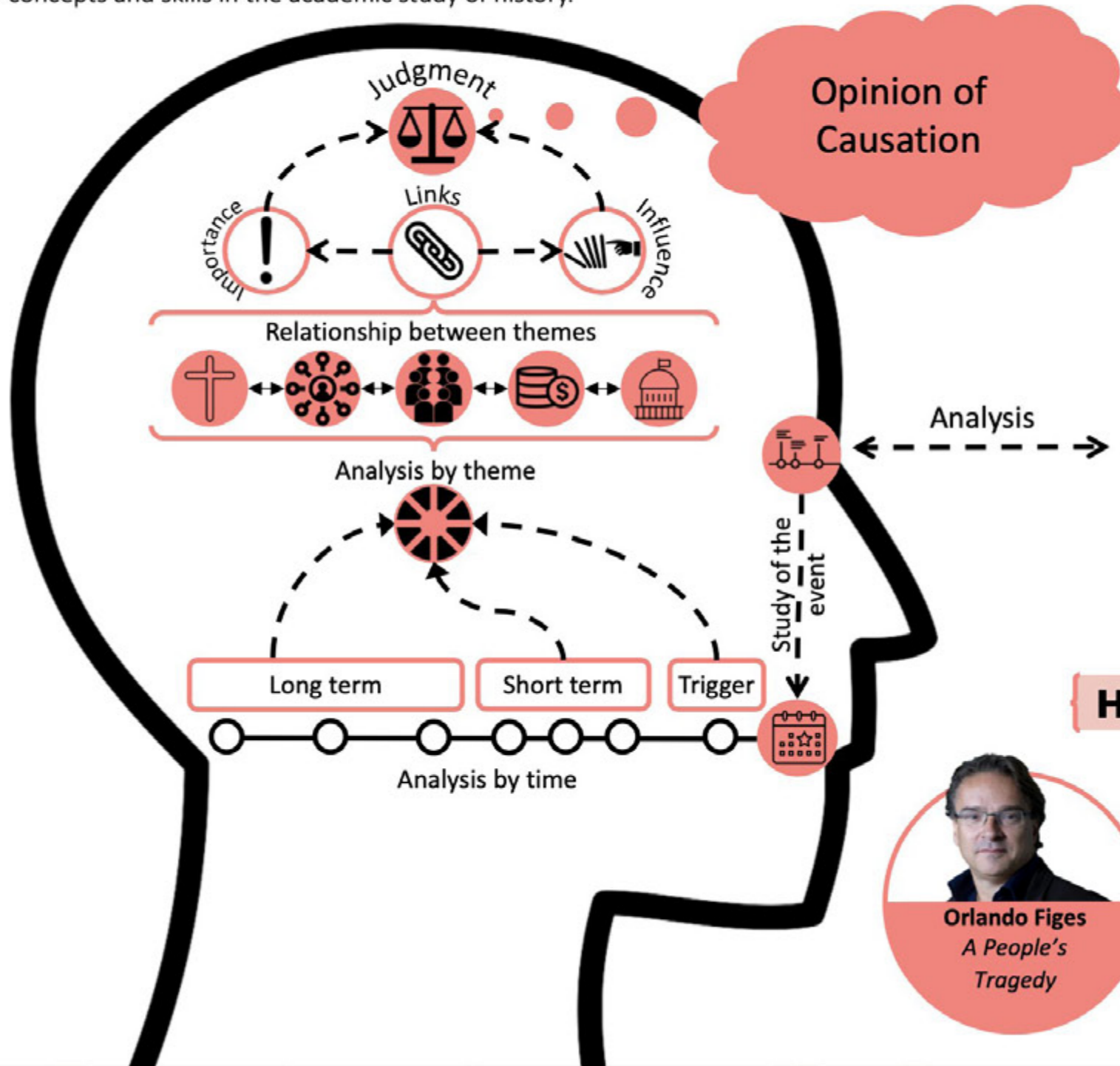
Influence
How causes lead to others.

Links
How causes interact.

Historical Themes
Political, Social, Economic, Geographic, Religious & more!

Misconceptions

- That cause and consequence are the same thing
- That events are inevitable
- That the trigger cause is always the most important
- That long term, short term and trigger groups are exclusive of each other.



Definition

Causation: The attempt to trace and evaluate the events that influenced and enabled another historical development.

Historical

- Development
- Event
- Issue
- Individual

Start

Historical Thinking in Action



Orlando Figes
A People's Tragedy

"Time and time again, the obstinate refusal of the tsarist regime to concede reforms turned what should have been a political problem into a revolutionary crisis ...The tsarist regime's downfall was not inevitable; but its own stupidity made it so."

#HowHistoriansThink

Used with permission of @SPBeale



historychallenge.org.au