

Chapter XXXIV: "Market-Day in Perugia"  
*The Marble Faun*

The narrator says, "The life of the flitting moment, existing in the antique shell of an age gone by, has a fascination which we do not find in either the past or present, taken by themselves."

Do you agree? Write an essay in which you argue for or against this statement. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.