

History

H1-What is History?

Answer the following questions in your Homework book.



1. What is history?
2. How do we find out about the past?
3. Make a list of famous people from the past?
4. Make a list of all the different periods of time you remember from the past.

H2-To understand how historians find out about the past

In order to find out about the past, historians look at evidence. Documents, photographs and artefacts are all forms of evidence.

Your task is to collect a minimum of 10 different pieces of evidence about yourself.

When you have collected the evidence, make a catalogue of it and write down what the evidence says about you. You can also include any extra conclusions which can be drawn from the evidence. There is an example below to help you.

No	Evidence and category (document, artefact, photo)	Description	What it tells us about you	Any other conclusion
1	Birth certificate (document)	Pink typewritten form 21cm by 28cm signed by registrar	Name, date of birth, names of parents, place of birth, sex, address	At the time births had to be registered - this suggests society was well-ordered

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H3-To distinguish between FACT and OPINION

Historians need to be able to distinguish between what is FACT and what is OPINION.

A. Copy the following statements and in the margin write whether each states a FACT or an OPINION.

1. It will rain before tomorrow.
2. I attend St. Cuthbert's Catholic Community College for Business and Enterprise.
3. English is harder than Maths.
4. Mr. Cameron is the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.
5. Mr. Cameron is a good Prime Minister.
6. Fried food is tastier than salads.
7. Children should be seen and not heard.
8. Classical music is rubbish.
9. Beethoven was a composer of classical music.
10. Mrs. Carney was born in 1971.



B. Write 5 sentences that contain FACTS.

C. Write 5 sentences that contain OPINIONS.

D. Copy the following passage. It contains both facts and opinions. See how many you can find. Underline the FACTS and put a circle round any opinions.

The greatest cricket match I ever saw was when England played Australia at Headingley in 1981. England had been really unlucky up until the moment Ian Botham came in to bat. He thrashed the Australian bowler Dennis Lillee to all parts of the ground and he scored 149 glorious runs. Nobody has ever played a better innings in such circumstances. Eventually, however, Australia bowled England out leaving them only a small target to reach.

Although it was only a small target, the 6 foot 5 inch tall Bob Willis bowled magnificently. He took 8 wickets. The English fielding was marvellous - Mike Gatting took two amazing catches - and England won a remarkable game by just a few runs.

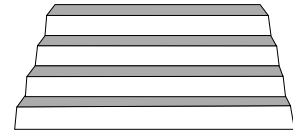
E. What sort of person do you think wrote this report?

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H4-To place events in chronological order

STEPS TO DRAWING TIMELINES

1. Find the earliest date you are dealing with.
2. Find the latest date you are dealing with.
3. Using the answers to steps 1 & 2 work out the RANGE of dates.
4. Measure the sheet of paper you are working with.
5. Decide on a SCALE that will enable you to fit the RANGE onto the piece of paper.
6. Carefully draw the AXIS (either horizontally or vertically).
7. Mark off tick marks on the AXIS using the SCALE you have decided on. (Make sure that the INTERVALS are equally spaced.)
8. Label the tick marks on the axis.
9. Mark off the ACTUAL YEARS you are dealing with and LABEL them.
10. Give the timeline a TITLE.



NOW - draw timelines for each of the following sets of DATA.

The Middle Ages

1066 A.D. Battle of Hastings
1381 A.D. Peasants' Revolt
1215 A.D. Magna Carta
1086 A.D. Domesday Book complete
1348 A.D. The Black Death
1314 A.D. Battle of Bannockburn

The Greatest Story Ever Told

75 A.D. Luke's Gospel is written
4 B.C. Birth of Jesus
64 A.D. Mark's Gospel is written
90 A.D. John's Gospel is written
51 A.D. First Christian writings by St. Paul
30 A.D. Death of Jesus
80 A.D. Matthew's Gospel is written

Peace at Last

1953 A.D. End of Korean War
1918 A.D. End of World War I
1865 A.D. End of American Civil War
1945 A.D. End of Second World War
1856 A.D. End of Crimean War
1975 A.D. End of Vietnam War
1902 A.D. End of Boer War