

What is History?

History is an *account* of the past.

- Accounts/narratives differ depending on one's perspective.
- We rely on evidence to construct our accounts of the past.
- We must question the reliability of each piece of evidence.
- Any single piece of evidence is insufficient.
- We must consult multiple pieces of evidence in order to build a plausible account.

Primary Source	Secondary Source
<i>Definition: Material from or directly related to the past</i>	<i>Definition: Material created by somebody removed from the event being studied-who either not at the event or working later.</i>
Examples:	
Art from the period	textbooks
artifacts such as pottery or weapons	encyclopedias
letters	dictionaries
newspapers	
photographs	
treaties or other documents	
diaries	