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# **Historical Text**

**Historical text** informs the reader about key events and. important people from the past. • Historical text gives the reader an understanding of. what led up to the important events in history. •

## How can I get historical text?

For the arts, history, and humanities, original primary source documents usually are housed in museums, archives, restricted library collections, and government offices. Reproductions of primary source documents often can be found in online digital collections, microform collections, books, and other secondary works

.What are the 5 material sources of history?

Oral transmissions, paintings, inscriptions on stone, paintings, images including photographs, motion pictures and oral history.

## What are the main types of history?

Political history. Diplomatic history. Cultural history. Social history. Economic history. Intellectual history

#### Six Key Characteristics in the Study of History

1. History is not a list of facts, facts must be interpreted by people. They are necessary, but they do not speak meanings.

2. History is not about the past- it is about the relationship between the past and the present. History is significant if it is relevant. When we study history we must make the connection between past and present.

3. History is not only what happened, but what did not happen. We need to explore the options not chosen in history; beware, this is counter-factual history.

4. History is not exclusive, but inclusive. We need to study a broad range of perspectives to understand the things people do, the decisions they make, and ultimately who we, individually and as Americans, are.

5. We must study not only events, but conditions. Why do events occur as they do at any particular time?

6. History contains enduring lessons- but specific events do not hold true throughout all history. The lessons of history are the general truths we find contained in the specific details.

#### What is the importance of history?

Studying history helps us understand how events in the past made things the way they are today. With lessons from the past, we not only learn about ourselves and how we came to be, but also develop the ability to avoid mistakes and create better paths for our societies.

#### What are the benefits of history?

History gives us the opportunity to learn from others' past mistakes. It helps us understand the many reasons why people may behave the way they do. As a result, it helps us become more impartial as decision-makers.

## What are the reasons why history is important?

1-History helps us understand other cultures. ...

2-History helps us understand our own society. ...

3-History helps us understand our own identities. ...

- 4-History builds citizenship. ...
- 5-History gives us insight into present-day problems. ...
- 6-History builds reading and writing skills.