

Explore History



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- 1 History is the study of the:
 - past

present



- Tell one tool you think people who study history use.
- The picture on this page is a collage. Tell one thing about it.



What Is History?



History is the story of people and what they did in the past. The past means something that has already happened. History tells when and how people lived, what they did, and what they made. Tell one reason to study history.



What Is a Historian?

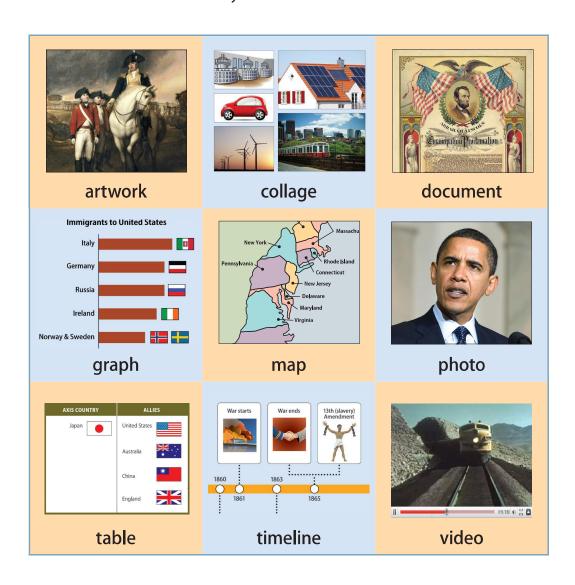


There is a special name for people who study history. They are called historians. There is so much history that a historian studies only one part of it. Historians use many tools to study history. You will read about some of these tools in this chapter. Tell one fact you know about a historian.



Tools for Studying History

People who study history use some of the tools on this page. Point to one and tell what you know about it.



Note: Look for these tools as you read this book.







Artwork



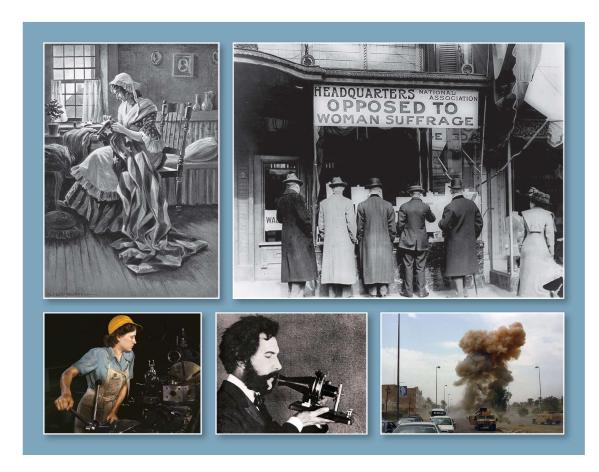
Historians use artwork to study what people looked like, what they did, and where they lived. What do you think the artwork on this page shows?

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Collage



One tool historians use to study history is a collage. A collage is many pictures of something pasted together to make a big picture. Many ideas, people, or things can be shown in a collage at one time. Tell one thing about the collage on this page.





Document



A document is a piece of writing that shows information about something that happened. The document on this page is the United States Constitution. Some historians study the Constitution to find out what laws and responsibilities people have who live in the United States. Tell one fact you know about the Constitution.



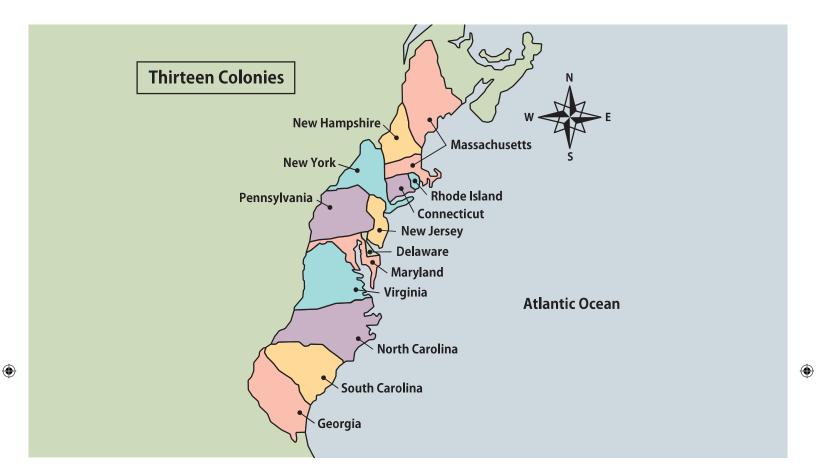
Graph



Graphs are used to study history. A graph is a picture that shows information or data about something. Look at the graph. Between 1850 and 1990, what countries did the most immigrants, or people who moved to the United States, come from? Tell what country the fewest immigrants came from.



Map



Maps are tools historians use. A map is a picture of an area of land or water. There are many kinds of maps. The map on this page shows the original 13 colonies of the United States. Point to the compass rose. Listen as your teacher tells you how to use it. Point to Virginia. Draw a route from Virginia to another colony. What direction do you go?

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Photo



Another tool historians use is a photo. A photo can show how people lived, what they did, and what they made. A photo can be used to compare how people used to live with how they live today. Point to one thing in the photo and tell how it is different from today.



Table

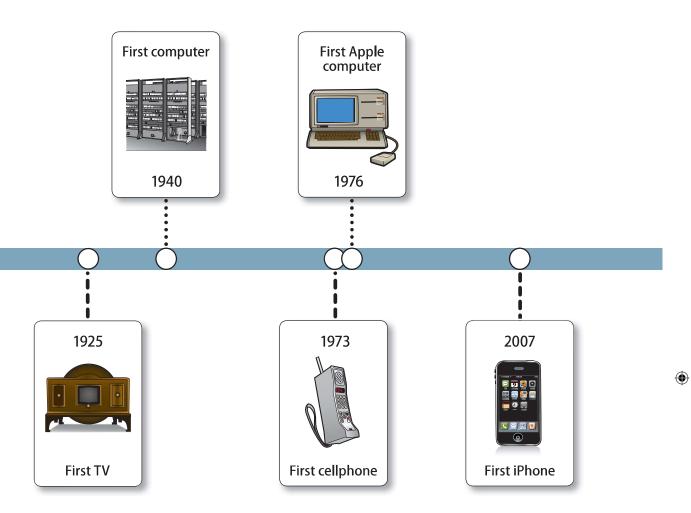
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Year	1620	1640	1660	1680	1700
Number of colonists	500	26,600	75,100	151,500	250,900

A table shows information arranged in columns and rows. Some historians keep track of how many people lived in a place over many years. The table on this page shows how many colonists lived in the United States before it became a country. Pick a year and tell how many colonists were living in the United States.





Timeline

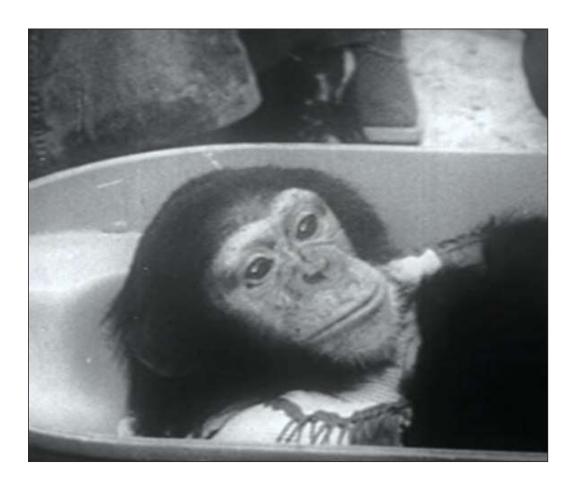


A timeline is one tool historians use. A timeline shows when things happened and keeps them in order. This timeline shows when some things you use every day were first made. Point to the timeline. Tell when an invention was first made.

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Video



A video is another tool used to find out about what happened in the past. A video can be about one person or many people. A video can show what happened during a great event such as a war or depression. Tell one way you use video to get information.



QUIZ



Directions: Circle the answer.

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document



timeline

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map



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QUIZ



Directions: Circle the answer.

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2 History is the story of _____ and what they did.



historians



people



video

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reporters



historians



events

