

Unit 1, Lesson 3 Vocab!

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Big Ideas of Lesson 3, Unit 1

- “The word “history” has two meanings.
- “History” can mean events that happened in the past.
- “History” can also mean an account of events in the past.
- An account of the past includes the selection of specific events and the interpretation of those events.
- Historians select from events of the past and interpret their meaning to create historical accounts.

historical event

something that happened in the past

Example: The American Revolution and the Constitutional Convention are both historical events.

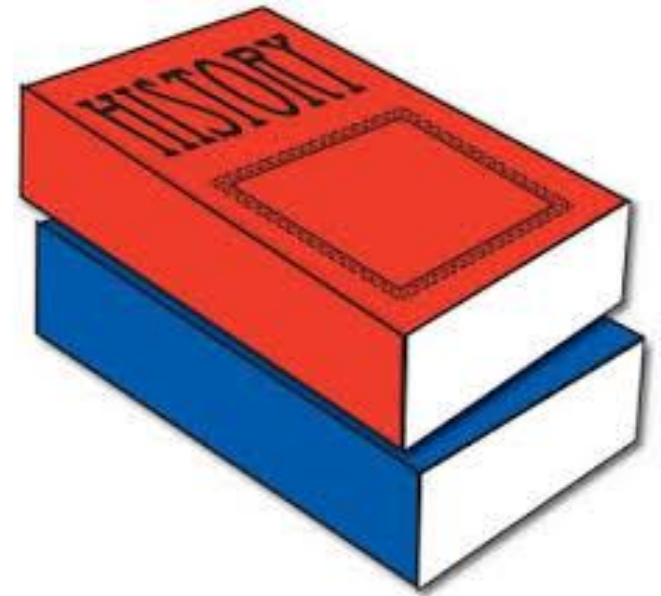


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historical account

a representation of an event from the past



Example: The description of the American Revolution in our history book is an historical account.

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history

events or accounts of events
from the past

Example: When people study
history, they study about
people and events of the
past.



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historian

an expert in or student
of history

Example: The job of an
historian is to interpret past
events and interpret their
causes.



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interpretation

an explanation of the meaning of something

Example: Historical accounts offer an interpretation of historical events.



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