

What is History?

Chapter 1: What is History? · Topic 1

Key Concept

History studies past events, people, and societies, using evidence like documents, artefacts, and monuments to understand what happened.

Historians are people who study history, carefully examining evidence to piece together an accurate picture of the past.

Learning history helps us understand how civilizations developed, how societies changed, and lessons we can learn from the past.

History is not just about memorising dates, but understanding cause and effect and how past events shape our present world.

Quick Revision Notes

- History studies past events, people, societies.
- It uses evidence: documents, artefacts, monuments.
- Historians study and interpret this evidence.
- They piece together an accurate picture.
- History shows civilization development.
- It shows how societies changed over time.
- It's about cause and effect, not just dates.
- Past events shape our present world.

Practice Questions

- 1 Discuss why history is important to learn.
- 2 Name a type of historical evidence.
- 3 Discuss what a historian does.
- 4 Research an ancient artefact and its significance.
- 5 Discuss how past events affect our present.
- 6 Explain history in your own words.