

A Historian's Glossary



Artefact Something made, or shaped, by humans. 'Tools or weapons.'

Bias When something may not be totally fair or even to both sides.

Century A 100 years period E.G. 1800 - 1899 (The 19th Century).

Chronology Something in 'time' order.

Condition How something looks or works. 'The book is in bad condition.'

Conflict Countries, or groups, or people, fighting against each other.

Conquest Beating someone in battle and taking control.

Culture The way of life for large groups of people. Their ideas and attitude.

Decade 10 years.

Democracy The people in a place have power to make choices.

Explore Discovering new places, people and information - or testing new ideas.

Fact It happened! E.G. World War Two started in the year 1939.

Historical Source Anything left from the past or that tells us about the past.

Invasion When someone moves into someone else's place and is not welcome.

Leaders People or a person who 'takes charge'.

Location Another word for place. Where something happens.

Opinion What you think or believe.

Parliament A place where laws and decisions are made by leaders.

Pastime The things that people choose to do in their own time.

Peasant A poor person. Often people who work on farms and have little money.

Retreat When people or groups move backwards or away from something.

Revolt People act against rules or those in charge because they do not agree.

Rival When different people or groups want the same thing.

Slave A person who is owned by someone else and has to work for them.

Society A group of people coming together to live or work.

Succession When someone or a group takes over from the last one.