

Looking Back!!

Do you know what history is?

History is the study of the past.

Historians are the people who study history.

They look at **historical sources** to find information about the past.

Historical sources

Oral sources: the information is told from person to person. Songs, legends, poems... are some examples.

Written sources: the information has been written down. Books, letters, diaries, newspapers... are some examples.

Visual sources: we get the information by looking at pictures, photos, films...

Physical sources: We get the information from objects such as buildings, monuments, coins, pottery...

Measure of time

We can measure time. We use different measurements of time.

We use watches, clocks and calendar to measure time.

Year: 365 days, 12 months. We read them in twos.

1492: fourteen ninety-two.

Decade: Ten years. 1920s, the twenties!

Century: 100 years. We read them using ordinal numbers, the twentieth century, we write them using roman numbers. The XX century.

Millennium: 1000 years.

Timelines help us organize important moments in the past.

B.C. or A.D.??

Sometimes we see B.C. or A. D. next to a date. This is referred to the year in which Jesus Christ was born. Every time you see B.C. it means that the time is before Christ was born.

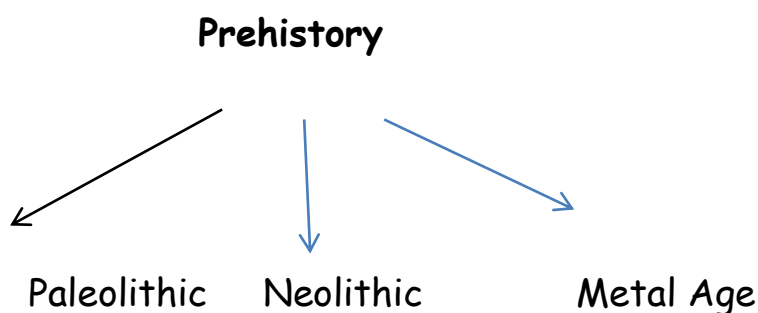
A.D. stands for Anno Domini, the year of the Lord. The dates A.D. are referred to the time after Jesus Christ was born.

We can divide history into two periods: Prehistory and History.

Prehistory

This is the time that goes from the first human to the moment in which written language appeared.

We can divide prehistory into three main periods.



History

History goes from the moment that human began to write to the actual moment.

There are four main periods in history.

Ancient history

From 3.200 B.C. till the end of the Roman Empire, A.D. 476

There are important civilizations in this period of history.

Ancient Egypt
Ancient Greeks
Ancient Romans

The middle Ages or Medieval times

From A.D. 476 to 1.453

It was a period of progress but also of war and disease.

Early modern Age (Modern Age)

From the 1.500 to 1.789

It was a period of art, discovery, invention and learning.

Modern Age (Contemporary Age)

From 1.789 till now. It is a time of revolution and change.