

Materials

Vocabulary Cards
Vocabulary Word Map
Fill-In Cards
Article: **“What Is History?”**
Communication Board
Questions

Read Aloud 1



Learning Objective(s)

Explain reasons for studying history and the role of historians in understanding the past.

Learning Goal

I can describe reasons to learn about U.S. history.



Real-World Relevance

The skills in this lesson build students' understanding of the importance of studying U.S. history. This understanding can help motivate students to learn more about the past in order to learn about people's differences and discover more about their own identities.



Activate Background Knowledge

Say: The past means things that have already happened. What is an event that happened yesterday? What is an event that happened last year? What is an event that happened when you were little? Discuss students' responses and record events to refer back to.

Say: Do you remember these events? If not, how do you know about them?

Discuss students' responses and explain that things that happen in the past are a part of history.

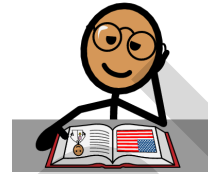
Instructional Routine

INTRODUCE CONTENT

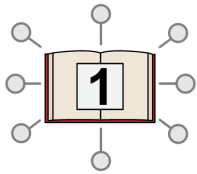
1. **Introduce the vocabulary words:** historian, research, society.
2. Display a vocabulary word and an image. Read the word and tell students a definition. Provide words with a similar meaning that students may know.
Say: This is the word research. Research means to study and find information about something. Other words like research include: study, investigate and explore.
3. Provide context for the word by using it in a sentence. Based on students' needs, students may complete a vocabulary word map for each word. Repeat with each vocabulary word.
Say: People research to learn about the past. You can decide what to research.
4. Display the text, **“What Is History?”** and read the title. Preview the text. Point out and discuss the text structure, illustrations and other text features that may help students understand the content. Identify a purpose for reading.



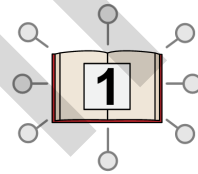
historian



a person who studies and writes about history



primary source



information about an event from someone who experienced the event



research



to study and find information about something

society	
Definition <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	Picture
Synonym (Similar Word) <hr/>	Sentence <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>



What Is History?

History is the study of the past. History is like a story. It tells the story of people and events in the past. This story helps us understand how things have changed over time. History can be different depending on who is remembering and retelling it.