
Chapter – 01 History

How, When and Where

- **How important are dates:**
 - (i) History is synonymous with dates.
 - (ii) We compare the past with present.
 - (iii) We continue to associate history with a string of dates.
 - **Which Dates:**
 - (i) Selection of date depends on the story of past.
 - (ii) Focusing on a particular set of events is important.
 - **How do we Periodise:**
 - (i) James Mill divided the Indian history into three periods: Hindu, Muslim and British.
 - (ii) British rule represented all the forces of progress and civilization.
 - **What is colonial:**
 - (i) Colonial refers to the British rule.
 - (ii) British rule brought about changes in values and tastes, customs and practices.
 - **How do we know Administration:**
 - (i) One important source is the official records of the British administration.
 - (ii) The British felt all important documents and letters needed to be preserved.
 - (iii) Specialized institutions like archives and museums were established to preserve important records.
 - **Surveys become important:**
 - (i) The practice of surveying became common under colonial administration.'
 - (ii) Surveys like botanical zoological, archaeological, anthropological and forest surveys were in the list of British administration.
 - **What do Official Records not Tell:**
 - (i) The official records do not tell about the needs of people of India.
 - (ii) Many official records hide the truth and only show one aspect of the event.
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