

1 | What is History?

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- History is an academic discipline.
 - Also category of knowledge.
 - Different from Humanities.
- Concerned about past.
 - ONLY PAST TENSE
 - * Literature analysis can be present tense.
- History is about people.
 - Concerned about way people have lived
 - How societies have changed over time
 - Organization of past societies
 - How do people experience the world and change?
- Epochs- major transitions.
 - Big decisions that seem small at time but are actually large
- Periodization
 - Categorizing the Past
 - * Imperial/Dynastic
 - * Arts/Culture
 - * Technological
 - * Politics
 - Contradictory
 - Which one captures it the best?
 - Historiography
- Three big meta-categories of all knowledge
 - Science
 - * Imperial, observational
 - Social Science
 - * Political science, sociology
 - * Tries to isolate patterns in the world
 - * Simplify the world
 - Humanities
 - * Complexify things
 - Create more complexity in our knowledge, more layers.
 - * All the things that social studies isn't.
- Anthropology
 - Studying culture

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Further metadiscussion on history can be found in Types of History.