**Unit 1 Study Guide 1b**

**Unit 2: Understanding LDS History**

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Instructions: The purpose of the study guide is to direct your course of study of the Foundations of the Restoration, and assist you to focus on important salient points of your reading and study. The study guides are due on Learning Suite each class period by **8:59 am**. Your upload should only include the questions with your answers highlighted in yellow.

**Major Periods in Church History**

1. Why is it important for you to become familiar with events, places, dates, and people of LDS Church history?
   1. Because it can strengthen one’s testimony when seeking to understand all of the details of the sacrifices that early members made to be a part of the church.

1. What events in Church history are important and meaning to you (list five)?
   1. The first vision
   2. The translation of the Book of Mormon
   3. The restoration of the priesthood keys
   4. The building of the Salt Lake Temple
   5. Elijah’s visitation to restore the keys of the gathering of Israel

1. List some of the Church history places that you have been able to visit and why visiting those places have helped you solidify your understanding of Church history.
   1. Martin’s Cove- I went on a pioneer trek there which was meaningful to me because I have ancestor’s who crossed the plains and stayed at Martin’s Cove. As we pulled handcarts for only a few miles it helped me appreciate those who walked thousands of miles.
   2. Salt Lake City Temple and Temple Square- The Salt Lake City Temple is so majestic and beautiful and there is so much effort that went into its building. Whenever I visit I marvel at the sacrifices that went into it and remember the faith the builders had to build such a structure for their God.

1. Take time to consider where you are at present with your knowledge and understanding of Church history and where you hope to be at the conclusion of this course.

* I believe I currently have a very strong understanding of some aspects of church history, but others not so much. On my mission I encountered a lot of critics and I was forced to dive deep in some of the controversial topics. However I still have much to learn and I hope after this course I will feel like I have a fairly comprehensive knowledge of church history.

**Five Factors to Evaluate Historical Sources**

1. What is the relationship between doctrine and history, how are they intertwined?
   1. In the LDS faith doctrine and history go hand in hand. Joseph Smith made a lot of fantastic truth claims based on historical events that he experienced. For example, he claimed that he translated the Book of Mormon from real gold plates which told a history of real people. This history is the keystone for the doctrine of our faith, and if it could be proven that these said historical events didn’t happen then the doctrine of the church goes with it.
2. How could reliable historical source checking of church historical events be an good thing that will help build your testimony and give you confidence moving forward in the study of Church history (ponder this thought then respond in 50 words)?
   1. Checking if sources are reliable would be a good thing for building a testimony because often testimonies are shaken by putting stock in questionable sources. Not looking into any sources isn’t a good option either though because then you would be just relying on other people’s research. That’s why its good to actively research and find good sources because it leads to faith promoting findings and gives a sense of fulfillment.