

The Modern Period.

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Chapter 1 – *The Modern Period*

1. History is the study of change of patterns in the society. It is the study of change.
2. No two periods in history are alike. Medieval is not like Modern, and Ancient is not like Medieval.

History answers to 4 important questions :

- *What?* - What event happened?
- *When?* - When it happened?
- *Where?* - Where it happened?
- *How?* - How any why it happened.

Some important terms in history.

1. *Periodization* - Historians, for the sake of learners, have divided history in three parts, according to the change and impact on the lives of people.
2. *Colonization*
3. *Interpretations*
4. *Nationalism*.

Once history used to revolve around the famous people, political events, only. But now it has become the history of a common man also. It has been the subject of how traditions change, the impact of special events on the life of common people.

A time span in history is more significant than a particular date. A few decades ago, history was only about political changes, and so it is easy to define dates for events in political history. But for social, economic and cultural history specific dates cannot be assigned.

Changes happen gradually in history. You can't pinpoint a specific date for a change in history.