

# What Is History?

## History

The word history means 'the study of the past'. It is the story of people and how they have lived and developed through time. History is a story, but historians use many key skills in the study of it, skills which you will develop in secondary school. History is a very exciting and unique subject to study as it transports you to the past and through it you can understand why events happen today and how to best learn from them.

"If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree."

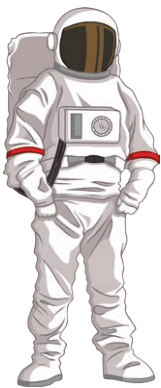
-Michael Crichton, author of 'Jurassic Park'

## What do you study in History?

In primary school, you will have studied many different topics and time periods. You may have visited museums or special historical places with your class or family, or had special days in school where you dressed up and had visitors recreate a Victorian classroom or the Roman Army. Maybe you made some special historical artefacts in your lessons or read exciting stories about the past that you remember.

Thinking back on what you've learned,

- **Look** at the pictures below.
- **Write** the correct name or event next to the picture.
- **Tick** them if you studied them in primary school.



What was your favourite topic in History at primary school? Explain what you liked about it.

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### History Acrostic Poem

**Create** an acrostic poem that **explains** what History means.

You can include examples of History you find interesting or have liked studying, or the names of historical people and places. Illustrate your poem with drawings and key words.

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Do you think it is **important** to study History at school? **Explain** why.

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