

Thinking Historically



Information

- ▶ Information – ?
- ▶ Knowledge – ?
- ▶ Wisdom – ?



Information - What Do We Call History?

- ▶ Temporal Past – Simple chronology of what happened.
- ▶ Example

Timeline Title _____



Information - What Do We Call History?

- ▶ The recorded past – Documentary record which includes artifact as well as written material.



Information - What Do We Call History?

- ▶ Past inherited as culture – Mostly unspoken assumptions about what constitutes truth beauty and goodness that we inherit from our upbringing.



Information - What Do We Call History?

- ▶ Past interpreted – Past measured for its significance.



Knowledge – Historical Research!

- ▶ Multiple sources –



Knowledge



- ▶ How do the events of today relate to events of the past?
- ▶ Why do we study history?

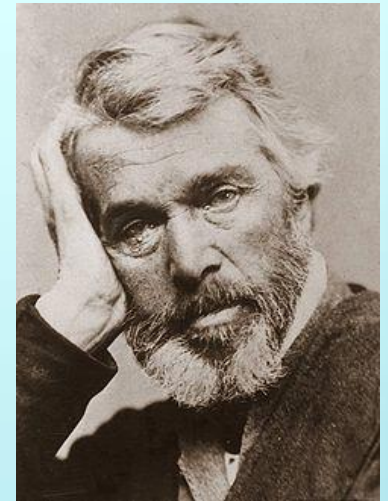


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- ▶ “If you want to understand today you have to search yesterday.”
Pearl Buck



- ▶ “The present is the sum total of the whole past.” Thomas Carlye



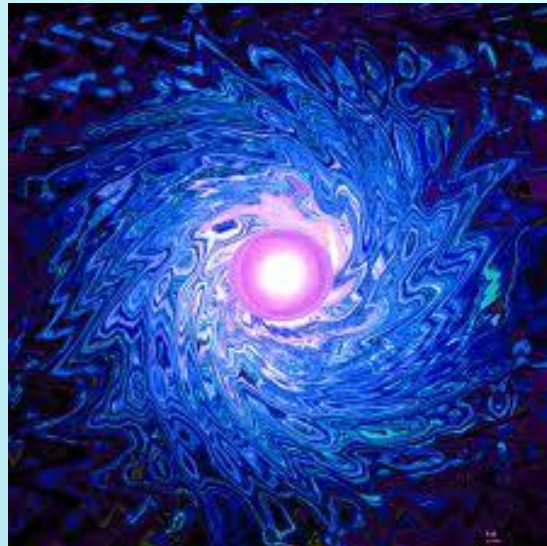
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- ▶ “The challenge of history is to recover the past and introduce it to the present.” David Thelen



Wisdom

- ▶ Wisdom – Ability to use historical information and knowledge to make decisions about the present and the future.



Wisdom History vs Math

- ▶ Historian walks a tight rope.



- ▶ Mathematician works with self evident truths.



Think Historically!!!



- ▶ Information
- ▶ Who
- ▶ What
- ▶ When
- ▶ Where
- ▶ Knowledge
- ▶ Why
- ▶ How
- ▶ Wisdom
- ▶ Application
- ▶ Solution
- ▶ Result

Information

- ▶ Main Entry: in · for · ma · tion
- ▶ Date: 14th century
- ▶ 1 : the communication or reception of knowledge or intelligence
2 a (1) : knowledge obtained from investigation, study, or instruction *(2)*
:Intelligence, news *(3)* : facts, data

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Knowledge

- ▶ Main Entry: **knowl·edge**

2 a (1) : the fact or condition of knowing something with familiarity gained through experience or association. *(2)* : the range of one's information or understanding **c** : the circumstance or condition of apprehending truth or fact through reasoning. **4 a** : the sum of what is known : the body of truth, information, and principles acquired by humankind

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Wisdom

- ▶ **wis · dom**
- ▶ -noun 1. the quality or state of being wise; knowledge of what is true or right coupled with just judgment as to action; sagacity, discernment, or insight.
- ▶ 2. scholarly knowledge or learning: the wisdom of the schools.
- ▶ 3. wise sayings or teachings; precepts.

Chronology

- ▶ Main Entry: **chro · nol · o · gy**
- ▶ Date: 1585
- ▶ 1 : the science that deals with measuring time by regular divisions and that assigns to events their proper dates

- 3 : an arrangement (as of events) in order of occurrence <reconstruct the chronology of the trip>