HISTORY

History is systematically collected information about the past. When used as the name of a field of study, History refers to the study and interpretation of the record of humans, societies, institutions and any topic that has changed over time.

History has a base in both the social sciences and the Humanities. In the United States, the National Endowment for the Humanities includes History in its definition of humanities. However, the National Research Council classifies history as a social science. The historical method comprises the techniques and guidelines by which historians use primary sources and other evidence to research and then write history.