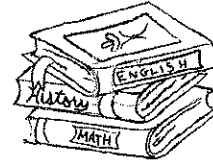
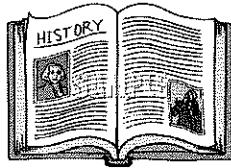


## History Defined...

*"When you witness a car accident, it makes you wonder how history was ever written." - George Burns*



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1. What are at least four major challenges historians face in writing history?
2. How would you define the study of history? (in your own words)
3. Why is it important that we watch for biases when we read history?  
Give at least 3-4 reasons.
4. What role can legends/myths play in helping us uncover the past?

5) Which of the following quotes do you think most accurately and appropriately defines the study of history? Why?

Explain your selection on the space below:

- a. "To define history as the study of the past, and attempt to ground its autonomy as a form of knowledge on that point, can thus not be defended. But, of course history is, in some sense, a study of the past. What past? The answer is the past of human beings. History beings to be interested in the past when human beings first appear in it. Its essential concern is with human experiences and actions." - **W.H. Walsh**
- b. "The study of history is a study of causes. The historian...continuously asks the question 'why'?" - **E.H. Carr**
- c. "Let us define history, in its troublesome duplexity, as the events or records of the past. Human history is a brief spot in space, and its first lesson in modesty." - **Will Durant**
- d. History...connotes (people's) attempt to describe and interpret the past. It is...the attempt to discover on the basis of fragmentary evidence the significant parts of the past." - **Arthur Marwick**
- e. "The history of the world is but the biography of great men."  
- **Thomas Carlyle**
- f. " History ... is indeed little more than the register of the crimes, follies, and misfortunes of mankind." -**Edward Gibbon**

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