

# Historian Tips

(Keep in mind: not every historian will do every one of these things. These are just a group of tips that might help you out in your investigations!)

1. Historians keep records of information they learn, and often rewrite this information to share their knowledge with others.
2. Historians think about what they already know about the topic they are studying, ask questions about what they do not know, and ask new questions based on new information.
3. Historians use atlases to learn where countries are located.
4. Historians use maps to extract and infer a variety of information.
5. Historians analyze historical songs to learn information about people's everyday lives.
6. Historians make predictions and revise them based on new information.
7. Historians examine artifacts as clues to understanding ancient beliefs.
8. Historians learn about the language(s) of the time and place they are studying.
9. Historians seek ways to record and transmit information effectively.
10. Historians interpret dialogue from the past to understand the speakers' ideas.
11. Historians look at folk tales to see how important ideas were explained to everyday people.
12. Historians will sometimes role play situations from the past in order to get a better understanding of the people in those situations.
13. Historians learn about the lives of important historical figures.
14. Historians look at the stories told by religious leaders to understand their teachings.
15. Historians sometimes analyze situations with "different eyes," to understand how others may view them.
16. Historians travel to the places they study in search of information.
17. Historians analyze stories and paintings to see how they reflect important ideas of a certain time period.
18. Historians interpret primary sources to help them get an "eyewitness view" of the past.
19. Historians often look at old and new documents on the same topic, so they can observe changes from the past to the present.

20. Historians often compare information from different cultures to observe similarities and differences between them.