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Topic: What is History and why should we study history

Answer the following

1. What is history?

History is the study of the past. It is a written account of people, places and events of the past. The study of history helps us to know our past by looking at the artefacts like pottery, tools, humans and animals. It helps us to relate past to our present. The people who study history are called historian

2. What is prehistory?

Prehistory is the study of events that took place before humans invented writing. It started three million years ago and lasted till 3000 BC. Those early humans of the pre-historic period were cave dwellers. They painted on cave walls to record various activities of their lives. During this period human beings used tools made of stone and lived on hunting and gathering.

3. Write on the cave dwellers

Early humans lived in caves. They were called cave dwellers. They were hunters and gatherers. They used stone and bone tools for hunting birds and wild animals. They rubbed stones to make fire. Cave dwellers were clothes made of animal skin.

4. Why do we study history?

We study history for the following reasons:

- a) History tells us how and where people lived, their customs and traditions, how they traded and the wars they fought.
- b) History tells us about great rulers and leaders of the past.
- c) History helps us to understand the present.
- d) History helps us to appreciate the rich cultural heritage of our country and teaches us to value our heritage and protect it.
- e) Studying history of other countries help us to understand and appreciate their culture. It makes us tolerant and live peacefully with one another.

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