

HISTORY TERMINOLOGY

Sources

Evidence used by an historian is called a **source**. Sources can be **Primary** or **Secondary**. A primary source is something that originates from the past while a secondary source is something that is made more recently about the past.

Anachronisms

Anachronisms are things that are placed in the wrong time period.

Causation

When historians talk about causation, they are trying to find out why something happened. Causes can be divided into time periods:

long term causes short term causes trigger events

Long term causes are things that happened some years before.

Short term causes are things that happened more recently.

A trigger event is the final straw, the event that finally causes something else to happen.

Chronology

The word 'chronology' is made from two Greek words, 'chrono' meaning time and 'logos' meaning reasoning (working out). The word 'chronology' therefore means the working out of time.

Bias

Bias is a one-sided or unbalanced view of things. It can be used to persuade or prejudice someone towards a particular viewpoint.

Propaganda

Propaganda is always biased. It is used to deliberately mislead people into believing a certain set of facts or beliefs to be true.