

Big Idea Card

Big Ideas of Lesson 1, Unit 1

- The past happens once, and all that remains are the evidence/artifacts of the past - documents, pictures, objects, maps, graphs, charts, records, and/or any other material evidence.
- Historical inquiry is the process of investigating questions about the past by analyzing evidence based on the artifacts in order to make a claim or provide an explanation.
- In conducting historical inquiry, historians use historical reading skills to evaluate written artifacts.
- Historical reading skills include sourcing, contextualizing, and closely reading/examining the artifact. In addition, historians use multiple sources to corroborate evidence before drawing a conclusion.
- By using historical reading skills, we can evaluate the trustworthiness of an artifact/document.