

## **1.1. History and pre History**

### **1.1.1. The Meaning of History**

The term 'history' comes from the Greek word 'historia,' meaning 'an account of inquiries.' Essentially, history is the study of human activities and developments in the past. It encompasses the political, social, and economic changes that have shaped civilizations over time. By examining these aspects, we gain insight into how past events influence our present and future."

### **1.1.2. The Meaning of Pre History**

Prehistory refers to the period of human history before written records existed, but we rely on archaeological evidence and artifacts to learn about this era. By studying prehistory, we uncover the beginnings of human culture and societies before the advent of written.

#### **History helps us :-**

- To know about the past,
- Understand the present, and
- Foresee future developments.
- It also allows us to understand national and international issues,
- learn from past successes and mistakes,

History is about human interaction, the growth of civilizations, the invention of new technology,

History describe based on truth not an opinion other wise it will be story or fiction for entertainment

## **1.2. Meaning of Historiography**

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Historiography studies how history is recorded and transmitted. The oldest written history, from China, dates back to before 1000 BC. Ancient Greek historians like Herodotus and Thucydides pioneered history writing, with Herodotus first using the term "history" around 484-425 BC. In the 19th century, Leopold von Ranke established modern historiography. Ethiopia had its own chronicle tradition, and formal academic history emerged there in the 1960s.

### **1.2.2. Historical Interpretation**

**Historical interpretation** is the process by which we describe, analyze, evaluate, and create an explanation of past. Events happened in the past is endless. Thus, historians select topics or

problems they desire to study. History is a systematic and objective study of the past as a field of discipline. Historians use specific basic methods in writing History expected to avoid bias



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