

history[ˈhɪst(ə)rɪ] *n*

1. история (*последовательность событий*); прошлое
 - to make history - делать /творить/ историю
 - history repeats itself - история повторяется
 - the history of the case - история (этого) дела
 - a woman with a history - женщина с прошлым
 - this house has a strange history - у этого дома странная история
 - I know the inner history of this affair - я знаю подоплёку этого дела
2. 1) история (*описание последовательности событий*)
 - life history - история жизни, биография, жизнеописание
 - case history - *мед.* история болезни
 - regimental history - история полка
 - it's a matter of history - это исторический факт
 - it's a question of history - история решит /рассудит/
 - to become history - войти в историю
- 2) история, историческая наука; курс истории
 - ancient [modern, English, natural] history - древняя [новая, английская, естественная] история
 - the history of architecture [of the theatre, of England] - история архитектуры [театра Англии]
 - to major in history - специализироваться по истории
 - two hours of history a day - два часа истории в день
 - lectures on history - лекции по истории
 - history lesson [teacher] - урок [преподаватель] истории
3. *мех.* предыстория, предшествующая обработка (*материала*)
4. *учм.* историческая пьеса
 - ◇ that's ancient history - это дело прошлое; ≅ старо как мир

history

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• **hɪs-tɔːri** [history histories] *BrE* [ˈhɪstri] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˈhɪstri] ^ˈ noun (pl.

his-tories)

1. **uncountable** all the events that happened in the past
 - a turning point in human history
 - one of the worst disasters in **recent history**
 - a people with no **sense of history**
 - Many people throughout history have dreamt of a world without war.
 - The area was inhabited long before the dawn of **recorded history** (= before people wrote about events) .
 - These events changed the **course of history** .
2. **singular, uncountable** the past events concerned in the development of a particular place, subject, etc
 - the history of Ireland/democracy/popular music
 - The **local history** of the area is fascinating.
 - The school traces its history back to 1865.
3. **uncountable** the study of past events as a subject at school or university
 - a **history teacher**
 - a degree in History
 - **social/economic/political history**
 - **ancient/medieval/modern history**
 - She's studying **art history** .

see also ↑natural history
4. **countable** a written or spoken account of past events
 - She's writing a new history of Europe.
 - She went on to catalogue a long history of disasters.
5. **singular** ~ (**of sth**) a record of sth happening frequently in the past life of a person, family or place; the set of facts that are known about sb's past life
 - He has a history of violent crime.
 - There is a history of heart disease in my family.
 - a patient's **medical history**

see also ↑case history, ↑life history

more at the rest is history **at** ↑rest *n.*

Idioms: ↑go down in history ▪ ↑history books ▪ ↑history repeats itself ▪ ↑make history

Word Origin:

late Middle English (also as a verb): via Latin from Greek *historia* 'finding out, narrative, history', from *histōr* 'learned, wise man', from an Indo-European root shared by *wit* 'have knowledge'.

Thesaurus:**history** noun1. **U, sing.**

- These events changed the course of history.

the past • • **the old days** •

Opp: the future

in (sth's) history/the past/the old days

(sth's) **colourful/rich/chequered /glorious** history/past

(sth's) **recent/ancient/medieval** history/past

distort/rewrite (the) past/history

2. a history of sth C, usually sing.

- She's writing a new history of Europe.

story • • **chronicle** •

read/write a history/the story/a chronicle of sth

tell (sb)/recount/relate the history/story of sth

History or story? The **story of sth** is usually more popular and less academic than a **history**.

3. sing.

- He has a history of violent crime.

record • • **background** • • **past** • • **track record** • • **life history** •

sb has a history/record/background/track record of sth

sb's **criminal** history/record/background/past

sb's **medical** history/record

Example Bank:

- He will go down in history as a wise adviser and a kind man.
- History shows that New Zealand are almost unbeatable by British teams on their own turf.
- History shows that high approval ratings are no guarantee of re-election.
- I know nothing about his personal history.
- Oral history enables us to take account of those many aspects of history that are not recorded in documents.
- She created a piece of history by winning her fourth title.
- She familiarized herself with the case history of her new patient.
- She has a long history of mental illness.
- She studies history of art.
- The city has a rich and colourful history.
- The country has suffered several invasions during its history.
- The debate about the origins of the universe has been going on throughout recorded history.
- The doctor will need some details of your medical history.
- The history of this organization goes back many years.
- The regiment traces its history back to 1803.
- The team grabbed a slice of history here today.
- The town's history goes back to Roman times.
- The war has now faded into history.
- There have been conflicts such as this throughout history.
- They had an affair once, but that's past history now.
- They have a history of trying to interfere.
- This is a fascinating period of history.
- Years later, family history repeated itself with Eve's daughters.
- a building that is steeped in history
- a history of heart disease in the family
- a people with no sense of history
- events that could change the course of history
- her attempt to rewrite history with herself in the role of heroine
- the best player in the sport's history
- the early history of the trade union movement
- the history of the world
- the most extraordinary meeting in history
- the official history of the Labour Party
- things that happened in recent history
- It was one of the worst disasters in recent history.
- Neil Armstrong made history by being the first man to walk on the moon.
- She's writing a new history of Europe.
- The area has a history of subsidence problems.
- The battle was a turning point in human history.

▪ **II. be 'history idiom**

(informal) to be dead or no longer important

- Another mistake like that and you're history.
- We won't talk about that— that's history.
- That's **past history** now.

Main entry: ↑**history**_{idiom}

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history S2 W1 /'hɪstəri/ BrE ^ɪ AmE ^ɪ noun (plural **histories**)

[Word Family: noun: ↑**historian**, ↑**history**, ↑**prehistory**; adjective: ↑**historic**, ↑**prehistoric**, ↑**historical**; adverb: ↑**historically**]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: historia, from Greek, from histor 'knowing, learned']

1. **PAST EVENTS** [uncountable] all the things that happened in the past, especially the political, social, or economic development of a nation:

▪ Throughout history the achievements of women have been largely ignored.

history of

▪ the post-war history of Europe

▪ No man in recent history has done more to rebuild the Democratic Party.

▪ the early history of Scotland

▪ Other meteor storms have occurred in recorded history.

▪ a museum devoted to local history

▪ one of the darkest episodes in American history

▪ an interesting period in Egyptian history

▪ a decision that changed the course of history

▪ a college steeped in history

▪ History shows that the usual response to violent protest is repression.

2. **DEVELOPMENT OF SOMETHING** [singular, uncountable] the events that took place from the beginning and during the development of a particular place, activity, institution etc

history of

▪ the worst disaster in the history of space travel

long/brief/75-year etc history

▪ The 1970s were the most successful in the theater's long history.

3. **SUBJECT** [uncountable] the study of past events as a subject in school or university

European/art/economic etc history

▪ a degree in European history

ancient/modern history

▪ a history lesson

4. **ACCOUNT** [countable] an account of past events

history of

▪ a history of World War II

▪ a potted history (=very short) of Gielgud's life (BrE)

5. **PAST LIFE** [uncountable and countable] a record of something that has affected someone or been done by them in the past

medical/employment/career etc history

▪ Your doctor will ask for your medical history.

history of

▪ Is there any history of heart disease in your family?

▪ The defendant had a history of violent assaults on women.

6. **make history** to do something important that will be recorded and remembered:

▪ Lindbergh made history when he flew across the Atlantic.

7. **something will go down in history** used to say that something is important enough to be remembered and recorded:

▪ This day will go down in history as the start of a new era in South Africa.

8. **history repeats itself** used to say that things often happen in the same way as they did before

9. **the history books** the record of past events:

▪ Mozart's genius earned him a place in the history books.

10. **... and the rest is history** *informal* used to say that everyone knows the rest of a story you have been telling

11. **that's (past/ancient) history** *spoken informal* used to say that something is not important any more

⇒ ↑natural history, ↑case history

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

■ **adjectives**

▪ **recent/modern/contemporary history** The country's recent history is powerfully told in this film.

▪ **early/ancient history** He had studied ancient Roman history.

▪ **recorded history** (=history since people have written things down) These were the worst floods in recorded history.

▪ **local history** (=the history of events in a particular local area) The building is now a museum of local history.

▪ **American/Chinese/British etc history** It was one of the worst peacetime disasters in American history.

▪ **human history** (=the history of people rather than the world itself) World War I was the most destructive war in human history up to that time.

▪ **political/social etc history** the political history of Germany

▪ **oral history** (=history that is told by speaking and that often consists of personal memories) Smith recorded the conversation for oral history.

▪ **rich history** (=an interesting and important history) Greece has a very rich history.

▪ **long history** The 1970s were the most successful in the theatre's long history.

■ **verbs**

▪ **history shows/tells (that)** History shows that the usual response to violent protests is repression.

▪ **go down in history** (=be remembered for many years) She will go down in history as one of the greatest tennis players of all time.

▪ **make history** (=do something important that will be recorded and remembered) Ordinary Berliners made history when they tore down the wall.

▪ **rewrite history** (=change what we believe are the facts about the past) They're trying to rewrite history to exaggerate their role in the war.

▪ **trace the history of something** (=find out what the history of something is) James traces the history of modern cricket back to its beginnings in the late 1700s.

▪ **shape history** (=influence events that are recorded) He is one of the politicians who shaped 20th century history.

■ phrases

▪ **a period of/in history** a glorious period in English history

▪ **the first time in history** (=the first time something has ever happened) For the first time in history, an American president resigned his office.

▪ **change the course of history** (=do something that has many important effects) Roosevelt and Churchill helped to change the course of history.

▪ **be steeped in history** (=be closely connected with important events in history) Cambridge is steeped in history and tradition.

▪ **consign something to the dustbin of history** (=to forget about something that existed in the past – used especially when saying that you will feel glad when people have got rid of something) One day nuclear weapons will be consigned to the dustbin of history.

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