

What do we call studying the interpretations of history?

What is Historiography?



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Learning Outcomes

- To understand about interpretations of history
- To learn the word historiography
- To understand some of the factors that influence interpretations of history



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What do you know?

- List the things you know about what is now Spain between 800 and 1500 CE.



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Dr. Rebecca Masterton



<https://youtu.be/PI3FYaMVAQI>



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Watch Dr. Rebecca Masterton on her visit to Granada

- Rebecca talks about her visit to Granada in what is now Spain. This trip made her question many of things she thought about the history of that area, in particular the period known as the Reconquest of Spain and the fall of Granada in 1492 to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella.
- Rebecca became a Muslim when she was an adult. Her visit to Granada made her question what she was taught when she was at school. What she found out, makes her question the negative impact of this type of teaching.



What's new?

- List all the new things you have learned from Rebecca's talk.



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Why is it different?

Were some things missing from:

- (i) what you knew;
- (ii) what Rebecca was taught at school, and;
- (iii) what she and you know now?

Was there a difference between the way the same things were taught to you or Rebecca?

Why do you think that is?



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What affects the way we interpret history?

You tell me...



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Other Major Acts of Genocide to Explore

- 1992 - 1995 Bosnia
- 1910 – 1970 Stolen Generations in Australia
- Current – Rohingyas in Myanmar



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Epistemicide

- *epistemicide*: the destruction of the knowledge and cultures of these populations, of their memories and ancestral links and their manner of relating to others and to nature. Their legal and political forms – everything – is destroyed and subordinated to the colonial occupation (de Sousa Santos, 18).



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