What is History and How Do We Do It?

Through out this fall semester I have learnt a ton about business statistics, law, communications and of course pre-confederation Canadian history. In the begin of the semester I assumed history was just studying the past events that took place a long time ago however, I learnt that there is much more to history then just that. History is exciting it is constantly changing. New information is coming forward as historians dig up new evidence in the research and present new ideas. Historian’s perspectives on certain topics in history change as society ideologies change over time. History is constantly changing and provides us a better picture of what happened in the past.

History is not as easy an easy thing to just do. It takes lots of time and research. In order to do history we must understand the sources the credibility of the evidence provided and their authors. Looking at different types of sources help us get a clearer picture. When reading primary documents we learn that it helps us picture what it was like during the certain time period. Secondary sources are helpful for research in history at well. Using secondary sources shows us what other historians think about the certain topic. Historic sources help support your thoughts and ideas. Be sure to reference other author’s work within your work. In history you have to try looking at events in the shoes of the people that we are researching. You have to think about the time period, the place and the culture of that time. By understanding these we have a clearer picture of how and why certain events may have happened. Historians have a important job trying to understand and dissect the events of the past.