Memorable events in your life are part of your History as a person. Those events reflect your experiences in life. Good or bad in a way, these events or experiences have made you become a better person.

**HISTORY**

✓ The study of mankind’s past
✓ It contains systematical records and explanations of what people have thought, said, and done
✓ Came from the Latin word “Historie” which means “inquiry” or “knowledge acquired by investigation or inquiry”

**DR. ZEUS A. SALAZAR**

✓ A famous Filipino historian
✓ He said, “History narrates events that have significance to a society or group of people

**HERODOTUS**

✓ “Father of History”
✓ He placed and analyzed events in History based on location and place where it happened

**THE HISTORICAL METHOD**

- **SEARCHING SOURCES**
- **MAKING INFERENCES**
- **SYNTHESIS**

**SOURCES IN WRITING HISTORY**

**PRIMARY SOURCES**

- created during the period being studied by eyewitness or participant in an event (eyewitness accounts)

**SECONDARY SOURCES**

- studies of a period in the past or some aspect of it, written long after the period, based on primary and/or secondary source
EXAMPLES OF PRIMARY SOURCES

- MATERIALS
  - Bones
  - Tools
  - Weapons
  - Potter

- ORAL TRADITIONS
  - Myths
  - Legends
  - Songs

- PICTORIAL DATA
  - Drawings
  - Maps

- WRITTEN RECORDS
  - Ancient manuscripts
  - Treaties
  - Diaries
  - Books
  - Newspapers

PRIMARY SOURCE vs. SECONDARY SOURCE

PRIMARY SOURCE

- Diary
- Parish Record
- Photograph
- Art Work
- Interview
- Essay

SECONDARY SOURCE

- Newspaper
- Books
- Encyclopedia
- Journal Article
- Magazine Entry
- Criticisms or Commentaries

Questions to ponder:

1. Why is History important to mankind?
2. What is the importance of Primary and Secondary sources?
3. What are the similarities and Differences of Primary and Secondary sources?

SOURCES

- [http://lib1.bmcc.cuny.edu/help/sources/](http://lib1.bmcc.cuny.edu/help/sources/)
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