

Chapter 1: The Social Sciences and Decision Making

Section 1: What Is History?

Section 1: Defining History

Directions: For each question, write the letter of the BEST response on the line beside each question.

- ____ 1. What is the story of the successes and failures from the past that shaped our world today?
- geography
 - history
 - philosophy
 - social studies
- ____ 2. What is the role of decision making in determining history?
- analyzing past failures for a better future
 - analyzing past successes for a better future
 - analyzing past events for informed decisions
 - all of the above
- ____ 3. What are people who contemplate meaning and reason to understand life known as?
- archaeologists
 - historians
 - philosophers
 - scientists
- ____ 4. How is time related to history?
- Time is cyclical, therefore history can repeat.
 - Time is linear, and history cannot repeat itself.
 - Time is linear, and history are events in the past.
 - Time is cyclical, and historical events are not related.

Directions: Write a complete paragraph that explains any historical event that you have studied in the past and know a great deal about.

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