

Chapter 1: The Social Sciences and Decision Making**Section 1: What Is History?****Section 1: Historical Events**

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

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

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

