The Historical Method of Research

STEP 1: Pose a good Historical Question

- Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?
- What questions can be researched?

STEP 2: Collect Reliable Information

- What sources of information are available?
- Which sources have the kind of information you need?
- How reliable are the sources of information?

STEP 3: Organize and Evaluate Information

- How will you organize your information?
- What patterns or ideas emerge from the information?

STEP 4: Interpret Informaton and Present Conclusions

- What conclusions can you draw based on your research?
- How will you acknowledge the sources of information that you use?