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## Chapter – 01 History

### How, When and Where

- **How important are dates:**
    - (i) History is synonymous with dates.
    - (ii) We compare the past with present.
    - (iii) We continue to associate history with a string of dates.
  - **Which Dates:**
    - (i) Selection of date depends on the story of past.
    - (ii) Focusing on a particular set of events is important.
  - **How do we Periodise:**
    - (i) James Mill divided the Indian history into three periods: Hindu, Muslim and British.
    - (ii) British rule represented all the forces of progress and civilization.
  - **What is colonial:**
    - (i) Colonial refers to the British rule.
    - (ii) British rule brought about changes in values and tastes, customs and practices.
  - **How do we know Administration:**
    - (i) One important source is the official records of the British administration.
    - (ii) The British felt all important documents and letters needed to be preserved.
    - (iii) Specialized institutions like archives and museums were established to preserve important records.
  - **Surveys become important:**
    - (i) The practice of surveying became common under colonial administration.'
    - (ii) Surveys like botanical zoological, archaeological, anthropological and forest surveys were in the list of British administration.
  - **What do Official Records not Tell:**
    - (i) The official records do not tell about the needs of people of India.
    - (ii) Many official records hide the truth and only show one aspect of the event.
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