

CHAPTER - 1

← HOW, WHEN and WHERE →

Notes -

- ★ History is certainly about changes that occurs over time. It is about finding out how things have changed.
- ★ Historians wrote about the year a king was crowned, the year he married, the year he had a child, the year he fought a particular war, the year he died and the year next ruler succeed his throne.
- ★ In 1817, James Mill, A Scottish economist and political philosopher, published a massive three-volume work, A History of British India. In this he divided Indian history into three periods - Hindu, Muslim and British.
- ★ When the subjugation of one country by another leads to these kinds of political, economic, social and cultural changes, we refer to the process as colonisation.
- ★ In 1946 the colonial government in India was trying to put down a mutiny that broke out on the ship.



- ★ Moving away from British classification, historians have usually divided Indian history 'Ancient', 'Medieval' and 'Modern'.

NCERT QUESTION | ANSWER -

Q-1 What is the problem with the periodisation?

Ans-1 James Mill divided the Indian history into three periods - Hindu, Muslim And British. This periodisation has its own problem. It is difficult to refer to any period of history as Hindu or Muslim because a variety of faiths existed simultaneously in these periods. It is also not justified to characterise and age through the religion of rulers of the time. What it suggest its like and practices of others do not really matter.

Q-2 Why did the British preserve official documents?

Ans-2 The British believed that by preserving official documents it would be easier for them or any other persons to know about the decision taken in past. Their copies may be prepared and used in present time if needed so.

Q-3 How will the information historians get from old newspapers be different from that found in police reports?



Ans-3 The information printed in the newspaper are usually affected by the views and opinions of the reporters, news editors etc. but what historians find in police reports are usually true and realistic.

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