

Alaska Content Standards History A

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A student should understand that history is a record of human experiences that links the past to the present and the future.

A student who meets the content standard should:

understand chronological frameworks for organizing historical thought and place significant ideas, institutions, people, and events within time sequences;

know that the interpretation of history may change as new evidence is discovered;

recognize different theories of history, detect the weakness of broad generalization, and evaluate the debates of historians;

understand that history relies on the interpretation of evidence;

understand that history is a narrative told in many voices and expresses various perspectives of historical experience;

know that cultural elements, including language, literature, the arts, customs, and belief systems, reflect the ideas and attitudes of a specific time and know how the cultural elements influence human interaction;

understand that history is dynamic and composed of key turning points;

know that history is a bridge to understanding groups of people and an individual's relationship to society; and

understand that history is a fundamental connection that unifies all fields of human understanding and endeavor.