

Skills of a Historian Cheat Sheet

<u>Skill</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Cause/Effect	What makes something happen; noting a relationship between actions or events and its results.
Cite	Provide the source of information; quote something or somebody
Compare/Contrast	Finding similarities and differences between two or more events, people, places or ideas.
Explain	To give an account of something with enough detail to be understood; To make clear by describing in detail and including relevant facts.
Analyze	To breakdown critically, examine sources to discover meaning, why was it was created, identify bias, and explain how this source is valuable to you
Defend/ Justify	Use evidence to prove and support your argument or position
Annotate	Underline, highlight and add explanations and comments,
Create	To make something; to cause to exist
Paraphrase	To restate something using other words, especially to make it simpler
Sequencing/Chronology	The order in which events happen

Evaluate	To examine and judge carefully
Making Connections	Relating what you study or read to information from other texts and to information about the world (now or in the past)
Perspective/Point of View	Somebody's way of thinking about or approaching a subject; mindset; opinion
Draw Conclusions/ Inference	A reasoning process; a decision made or an opinion formed after considering relevant facts or evidence
Investigate/Examine	To inspect or study something in detail in order to understand it.
Elaborate	Give more detail about something
Research	A methodical investigation into a subject in order to discover facts
Reconstruct	To reorganize something, to show plausibly what something was like or how something happened by recreating it on the basis of credible evidence.
Debate	To talk or argue about something in detail; an organized public discussion of something