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## Chapter 1 Understanding History (Continued)

We will first study about archaeological sources

1. Monuments are special buildings of the past. They tell us about the period when the monument was built, the type of building material used, the person who got it built. For example Taj Mahal was built by Shah Jahan.
2. Inscription - Long long ago there was no paper. People carved their messages on stone, tablets (clay), rocks and metals. Such written records were called inscriptions.
3. Coins provide information about the ruler to which the coin belongs. The metal used tell us about the prosperity of the kingdom.
4. Artefacts are things that people made and used them in their daily life like pottery, tools, weapons, jewellery, etc.

Literary sources means related to writing. There are two types of sources - religious and non-religious. The Vedas, the Puranas are religious books. Some people write on grammar, mathematics, etc. Rulers wrote about their own lives like Babur

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wrote Baburnama.

Sometimes your parents or grandparents may narrate a story that their parents narrated to them. Folk tales, poems, stories are orally narrated, then they are called as oral sources of history.

It is important that we preserve the sources as they give information about the past. Archaeologist and historians help us study about the past.

Fill in the blanks.

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|--------------|----------------|
| 1. Ramayana  | 3. numismatics |
| 2. Baburnama | 4. Red Fort    |

Match the columns.

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|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 1. autobiography | c) a story of person's life written by that person |
| 2. historian     | d) a person who examines the sources of history    |
| 3. Monument      | e) an archaeological source to study history       |
| 4. archaeology   | a) study of ancient remains                        |
| 5. inscription   | b) engraved messages                               |

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Write True or false

1. False
2. True
3. False
4. True

Answer in brief

1. History is the study of the past. History tells us about important events that had once happened.
2. The two sources of history are - literary sources and archaeological sources.
3. Ancient buildings such as palaces, tombs, forts, temples and pillars built by humans are called monuments.
4. There are three periods of history
  - a) Ancient period
  - b) Medieval period
  - c) Modern period