

Reasons for Differences in Historical Interpretation

Historical sources will show different things. Depending on which sources you consider, the story of the past will be shaped differently

A person's political bias will make them prioritise certain things over others, shaping how they interpret the facts of the past

Someone's experience will shape their values and what they consider important. Their family's views, even the newspaper they read will shape their interpretation of the past

Where someone lives is important as different language, traditions and customs will change the way they see the world. Rural areas experience things differently from urban for example. This will shape how someone sees the past.

A person's nationality will often lead them to prioritise their group's experience when interpreting the past and creating a history

The sources they look at

Political Values

Personal background

Geographical location

Nationality / Ethnicity