

What process do historians use to investigate the past?

What's the **BIG** deal?

- Historians investigate the past by (1) framing problems to study, (2) selecting and analyzing available evidence, (3) organizing their information, and (4) creating the account.
- In answering the historical problem, historians analyze the available evidence by paying attention to who created the evidence and then use other sources to check it against.
- Historical problems or questions help historians select, analyze, and organize information.
- Historical accounts represent the historians' best answers to the historical problems given the evidence they have.