

Tools to Organize and Analyze the Past: Temporal Frames

What's the **BIG** deal?

- Four tools that historians use to organize information include significance, social institutions, temporal frames (time), and spatial scales (space).
- Historians use time to organize and analyze the past.
- Historians categorize time into different scale in order to study human activity over large periods of time.
- Era and periods are ways of grouping human activities that share particular characteristics.
- The idea of times is man-made concept. All societies need to account for time in some way. Different cultures created calendar systems that suited their needs.
- Using time to organize the past helps to analyze turning points of human history and how different eras relate to each other.