## What Questions Do We Ask of the Past?

**Thinking Like a Historian**

### Cause and Effect
- What were the causes of past events?
- What were the effects?
- Who or what made change happen?
- Who supported change?
- Who did not support change?
- Which effects were intended?
- Which effects were accidental?
- How did events affect people’s lives, community, and the world?

### Change and Continuity
- What has changed?
- What has remained the same?
- Who has benefited from this change?
- Who has not benefited? And why?

### Turning Points
- How did past decisions or actions affect future choices?
- How did decisions or actions narrow or eliminate choices for people?
- How did decisions or actions significantly transform people’s lives?

### Using the Past
- How does the past help us make sense of the present?
- How is the past similar to the present?
- How is the past different from the present?
- What can we learn from the past?

### Through Their Eyes
- How did people in the past view their world?
- How did their worldview affect their choices and actions?
- What values, skills and forms of knowledge did people need to succeed?