Battles of the Texas Revolution Who Writes History? Hook Exercise (Accommodated)





History is written by

Whoever wins the war!

Historically, the victor would hire scribes or writers who would show the victor in a positive light.





The Study of History

How does one study history?

- The only way we can do history is to examine the available records from the past and then write about them.
- So, doing history means writing history.





Can History be Misleading?

Can history be viewed as biased or misleading?

That's not history. That is Propaganda!





What is Propaganda?





Propaganda: Something that Is Purposefully Biased

When information is presented, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote or publicize a particular political cause or point of view.





Let's examine a piece of history





The Dawn at the Alamo





Dawn at the Alamo, Prints and Photographs Collection, Archives and Information Services Division, Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Retrieved from https://www.tsl.texas.gov/mcardle/paintings/alamo-big.html



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William B. Travis







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David Crockett







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Jim Bowie







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Is there bias in this painting?





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The Fall of the Alamo





Fall of the Alamo. 1903. Onderdonk, Robert J. Retrieved from https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:FalloftheAlamo.jpg



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Surrender of Santa Anna





THE PORTAL
TO TEXAS HISTORY