Battles of the Texas Revolution Who writes history?



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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!



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What is Propaganda?



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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.



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Let's examine a piece of history



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The Dawn at the Alamo





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Is there bias in this painting?





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The Fall of the Alamo





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Surrender of Santa Anna





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