

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!

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





William B. Travis





David Crockett





Jim Bowie





Is there bias in this painting?





The Fall of the Alamo





Surrender of Santa Anna

