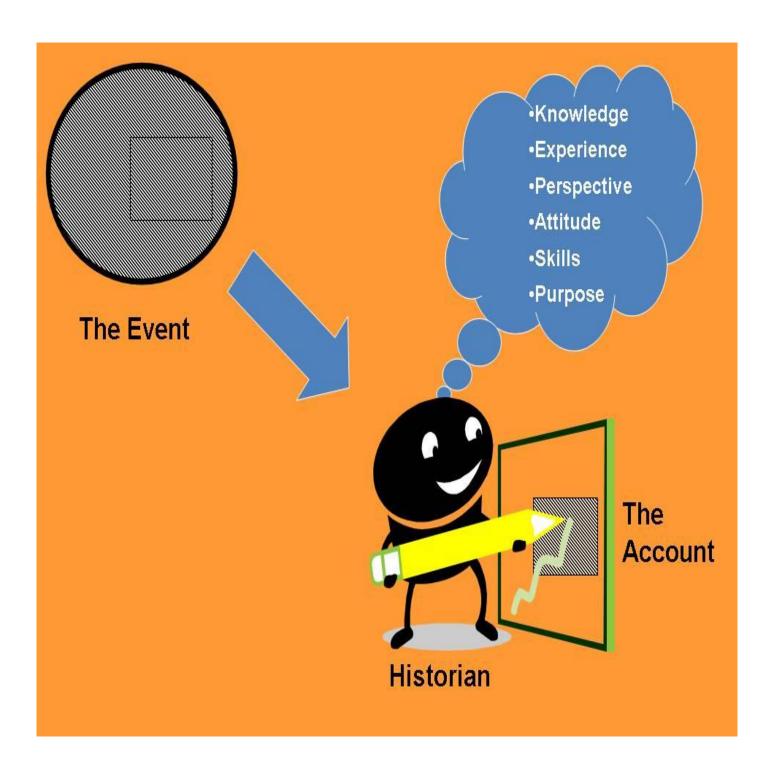
## **Graphic Organizer**



#### Big Idea Card

### Big Ideas of Lesson 3, Unit 1

- "The word "history" has two meanings.
- "History" can mean events that happened in the past.
- "History" can also mean an account of events in the past.
- An account of the past includes the selection of specific events and the interpretation of those events.
- Historians select from events of the past and interpret their meaning to create historical accounts.

#### **Word Cards**

#### Word Cards from previous lessons needed for this lesson:

Perspective--Word Card #9 from Lesson 2

# 11 historical event

something that happened in the past

**Example:** The American Revolution and the

Constitutional Convention are both historical

events.

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### 12 historical account

a representation of an event from the past



**Example:** The description of the American Revolution in our history book is an historical account.

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## 13 history

events or accounts of events from the past



historian
an expert in

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an expert in or student of history



**Example:** When people study history, they study about people and events of the past.

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**Example:** The job of an historian is to interpret past events and interpret their causes.

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# 15 interpretation

an explanation of the meaning of something



**Example:** Historical

accounts offer an interpretation of historical

events.

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## **Questions about History**

- What is history?
- · How do people use the word "history"?
- What does it mean to study history?
- . What do historians do?
- How is history like other courses you study? How is it different?

## **Comparing Our Histories: The First Day of School**

#### **Direction:**

- Discuss your history of the first day of school with your partner.
- Use the middle column to record all events from the first day. These should include events that you both identified, and events that only one of you identified.
- Use the left and right hand columns to identify who included the event in their history. To do so, place a small check mark in the upper left corner of the cell to indicate whether you and your partner included the event. Be sure to leave room in the cell to add to it later on in the lesson.

Mine	History	My Partner's
√	Example: Eat lunch	$\checkmark$

## "History" Has Two Meanings

What are the different ways that people use the word "history?"

History as Past Event(s)	History as Accounts or Representations
The Event	The Account
Only Seen When It Occurs	Seen After the Event
Features	Features
<ul> <li>Includes everything that happened in the past</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Includes only a part of what happened in the past</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Happened once, then no longer</li> </ul>	Can be used over and over
visible	A record of the past
	Created by someone
	Reflects someone's point of view
	Can be false or inaccurate
	<ul> <li>Typically can be touched or seen</li> </ul>

#### **Investigating an Event**

Directions: Your task is to select an event of interest to you. It could be in the area of politics, economics, sports, entertainment, etc. Use the questions below to guide your inquiry. Find two sources about the event that differ in their descriptions.

The Event I Am Investigating: \_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Source 1:
a. Where did I find the information?
b. What does it say about the event?
c. What evidence does it use to support its description of the event?
3. Source 2:
a. Where did I find the information?
b. What does it say about the event?
c. What evidence does it use to support its description of the event?
4. Compare the sources. How are they similar? Where do they differ?
5. What do you believe is true about this event? How did you come to this conclusion?