

ST.XAVIER'S SCHOOL,PURULIA

CLASS-6

HIS./CIVICS

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LESSON-The study of History/ The March to Civilization

INTRODUCTION-History is the study of our past , a record of the events that happened long ago. It tells us about the life of people during a particular period . History records and explains past events in a chronological order . The word 'History' comes from the Greek word 'Histo' which means 'know this'.

History helps us to understand our country , society and culture.. It increases our understanding of the world. It helps us to learn from our past mistakes so that we don't repeat them. We also read about the lives of ordinary people who teach us important lessons in courage, patriotism and social service.

Herodotus is called the 'Father of History'.

TEXTBOOK KEY POINTS

1. **Archaeology**-Archaeology is the study of the remains of the past such as inscriptions, monuments, tools ,coins, potteiy etc.
2. **Sources**-Sources are clues from archaeology' or literature which help historians to put together a period of history.
3. **Inscriptions**-Inscriptions are the engraving on solid objects such as metal surface, stone ,tablets, rocks, pillars, cave walls, etc.
4. **Religious literature**-It refers to literacy writing dealing with religion.
5. **Secular literature**-It is non-religious literature such as plays, poems and other work on politics, science etc.
6. **Stone age**-Prehistoric cultural stage or level of human development, characterized by the creation and use of stone tools.

Key facts about Stone Age

*The Stone Age covers more than 99 % of our history.

*It runs from about 3.4 million years ago until about 2500 BCE.

* The Stone Age was an important time for change, physically, intellectually and socially.

7.Stone age is divided into four periods of study based on the type and quality of stone tools that early humans used.

- 1) The Old Stone (Palaeolithic)
- 2) The Middle Stone (Mesolithic)
- 3) The New Stone (Neolithic)
- 4) The Copper-Stone. (Chalcolithic)

HOME WORK

Write the questions related to chapter and answer them in your notebook.

- 1) Name two sources of history. What do archaeological sources include?
- 2) Name two epic which are orally transmitted?
- 3) Differentiate between religious and secular literature.
- 4) What is the significance of history?
- 5) Write down all general features of Stone Age.(Mention all four ages)
- 6) Why is the Stone Age important ?