

**Reading Log # 1- Due September 13, 2016**

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I think the main point of the first chapter of the text book is to do with the fact that history is forever being rewritten and that we have to keep in mind that others could be writing it with their bias or ideologies. I think this was written in the opening chapter of the text to help put us in the mindset for the course and rest of our readings to not let others opinions skew our own and to always be curious. I believe we have to take history with a grain of salt; always having an open idea that things may have been left out or falsified to make things seem more victorious or tragic.

I had a few ideas what the first chapter could be about but what made me believe it is about history changing and not always trusting the literature completely is section 1.3- Making Histories. It talks about the sources and records and how it may be the original authors who were rewriting history before it was even history by not being completely honest in their journals or reports. The part about identifying and contextualizing the source was what really stood out to me. The author is not only telling us that history may not be completely truthful but they're letting us know how to break it down for ourselves. That shows me that the author is really trying to prove that history isn't always what it's been made out to be.

From this reading, no questions really rose for me. I did like that I gained the perspective and thinking that everything you read isn't always true. I think we have been programed to believe that whatever we're reading in school books is always right but its nice to see another perspective and to shift my own thinking a little bit.