

**Resource 2: What do historians do?**

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Ashanta is a historian. This is what she has been doing over the last two weeks:

1. Ashanta interviewed her grandparents to learn about what life was like when they were children.
2. Ashanta wrote a book about what the world was like when dinosaurs were around.
3. Ashanta went to the library to read books about what Vice-President Kamala Harris was like as a student when she was in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
4. Ashanta took a field trip to the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC to learn about the people who lived in Delaware before Columbus came to the New World.

**Checks for Understanding****Which of the following best describes what historians like Ashanta do?**

- a. they study the past
- b. they study the present
- c. they study the future
- d. they study all of these

**Based on what Ashanta does as a historian, which of the following best describes what history is?**

- a. history is the study of the past
- b. history is the study of the present
- c. history is the study of the future
- d. history is the study of all of these.