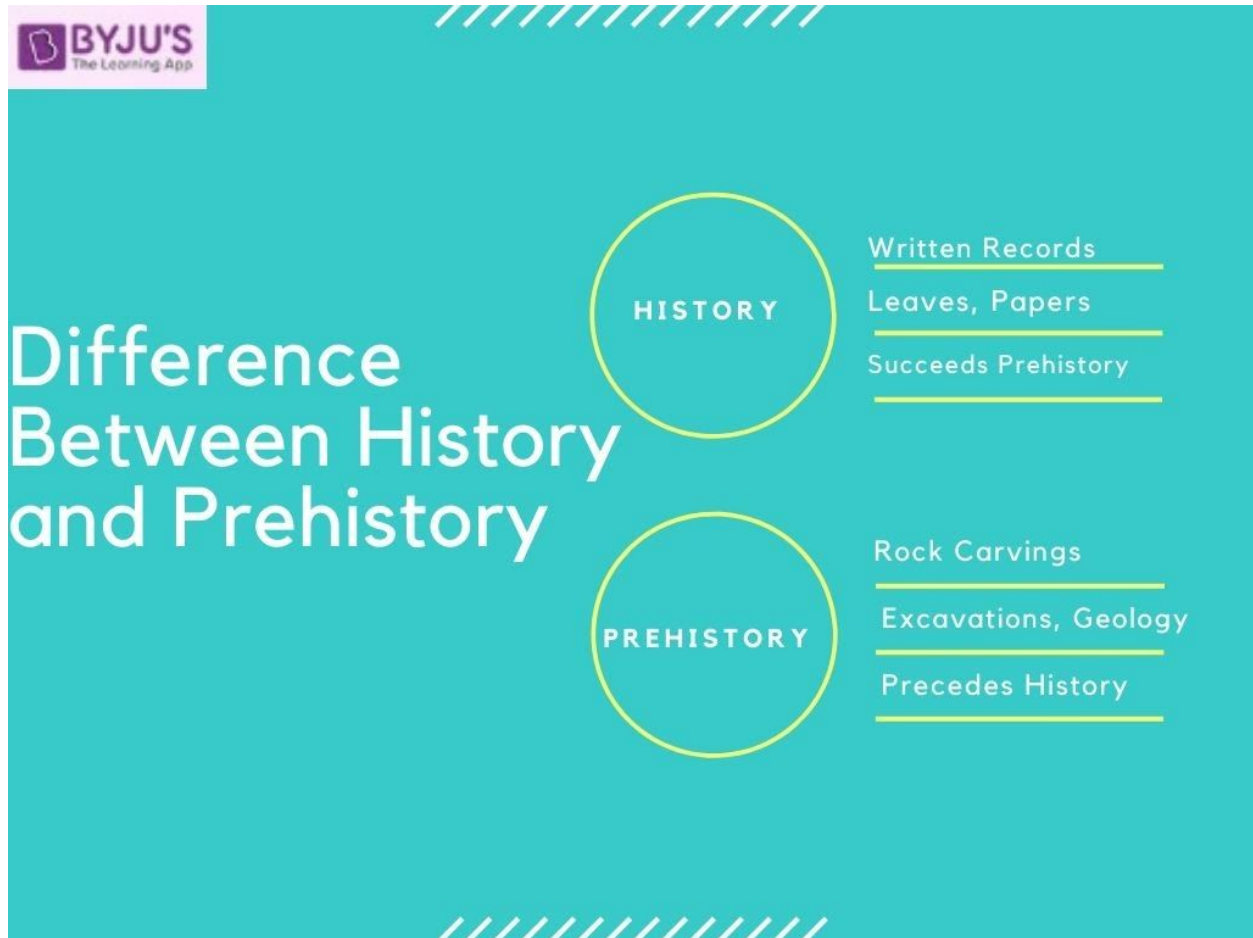


Difference between History and Prehistory is explained here in detail. This topic is important from the perspective of History Syllabus. Human prehistory is the period between the use of the first stone tools and the invention of writing systems. History is an umbrella term that relates to past events as well as the memory, discovery, collection, organization of past events. The difference between History and Prehistory given here can help the UPSC Civil Service exam aspirants to understand the basics better and know their comparisons thoroughly.

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The major Differences between History and Prehistory are:

History	Prehistory
The study of time period succeeding prehistory is called history	The study of time period preceding history is called prehistory.
History is the study of the past starting from the time period when the writing system was	Prehistory is the study of the past, even before writing was invented and written

introduced and written records were maintained.	records were maintained. It is the study of the time period between usage of stone tools and invention of the writing system.
Written records of the past events is the source of information.	Artifacts, Carvings on rocks etc are the sources of information while studying prehistory.
Research on History is carried out by historians. Rare manuscripts written on leaves, dried animals skins, and papers are some of the sources used to study history.	Research on prehistory is carried out by archaeologists and anthropologists who use excavation, geology, molecular genetics, paleontology etc. Hence a wide variety of social and natural sciences are used to study prehistory.
Study of History can be classified into different domains like Ancient History, Contemporary History, Modern History, Political History, Military History, Cultural History, Economic History, Environmental History, History based on different Geographical locations, People's history, Intellectual history etc.	Prehistory studies 3 different time periods - stone age, bronze age and iron age.

These are the main differences between History and Prehistory. The differences given in the above table can help the UPSC Civil Service Exam aspirants to answer any related questions easily in the exams.

After learning about the History and Prehistory difference, it is better to learn the NCERT Notes on Modern Indian History, History of Ancient India, History of Medieval India, Prehistoric Age in India, Prehistoric Age in India, Prehistoric Rock Paintings; Art, Culture, Literature and Architecture thoroughly. Visit the below-given links to learn about Modern Indian History, History of Ancient India, History of Medieval India, Prehistoric age in India, Prehistoric rock paintings; art, culture, literature and architecture in detail along with other information.

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