

CHAPTER 1 | LESSON 4 How Historians Study the Past

Reteaching Activity**Finding Main Ideas**

The following questions deal with the methods that historians use to study the past. Answer the questions in the space provided.

1. Describe three approaches that historians use to examine past events.

2. Explain the differences between primary and secondary sources and oral history.

3. What factors can cause an interpretation of past events to change?

READING COMPREHENSION

Find the name or term in the second column that best matches the description in the first column. Then write the letter of your answer in the blank.

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| _____ 4. a storyteller in West Africa who memorizes and tells stories from his or her village's history | a. secondary source |
| _____ 5. something written or created by a person who witnessed a historical event; includes artifacts, or human-made objects | b. oral history |
| _____ 6. material written after a historical event by someone who did not witness the event | c. primary source |
| _____ 7. unwritten verbal accounts of historical events | d. griot |