

**Outline of Historians
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Herodotus

historian

Greece

-449 to -430

Researches [-449]; Persian Wars [-430: about wars between 499 to 479]

He lived -484 to -425.

Thucydides

historian

Greece

-431

History of the Peloponnesian Wars [-431]

He lived -460 to -410 and explained Peloponnesian Wars.

Xenophon

historian

Greece

-401

Retreat of the Ten Thousand or Anabasis [-401]

He lived -444 to -357.

Livy or Titus Livius [Livius, Titus]

historian

Padua, Italy/Rome, Italy

-29 to -9

From the Founding of the City [-29 to -9: history of Rome from -753 to -9]

He lived -59 to 17.

Lucan or Marcus Annaeus Lucanus [Lucanus, Marcus Annaeus]

historian

Rome, Italy

65

Pharsalia or Civil War [65]

He lived 39 to 65.

Mestrius Plutarch [Plutarch, Mestrius]

historian/biographer

Greece

80 to 110

Parallel Lives of the Noble Greeks and Romans [100 to 110]; Morals [80 to 90: including On Eating Flesh, On the Fortune or the Virtue of Alexander the Great, On the Worship of Isis and Osiris, On the Malice of Herodotus, On the Decline of the Oracles, On the Delays of the Divine Vengeance, On Peace of Mind]

He lived 46 to 120.

Suetonius or Gaius Suetonius Tranquillus [Tranquillus, Gaius Suetonius]

historian

Rome, Italy

98 to 117

Lives of the Caesars or The Twelve Caesars [98 to 117]

He lived 75 to 160 and wrote about Roman Empire.

Ssu-ma Ch'ien

historian

Chang'an (Xian), China

100

Historical Records [100]

He lived -145 to -90 and wrote dynasty histories.

Pausanias

historian

Greece

100 to 200

Description of Greece [100 to 200]

He studied legends, customs, and arts.

Tacitus or Publius Tacitus [Tacitus, Publius] or Gaius Cornelius Tacitus [Tacitus, Gaius Cornelius]

historian

Rome, Italy/Germany

105 to 115

Histories [105: Roman Empire from Tiberius to Domitian]; Annals [115: Roman Empire from Tiberius to Domitian]

He lived 56 to 117.

Appian of Alexandria

historian

Alexandria, Egypt

130 to 150

Punic Wars [130 to 150]; Roman Civil Wars [130 to 150]

He lived 95 to 165.

Pseudo-Plutarch

historian/biographer

Greece

200 to 400

Lives of the Ten Orators [100: about ancient Athens and based on Caecilius of Calacte's works]; Doctrines of the Philosophers [100]; On Music [100]

Later Plutarch-of-Delphi Moralia editions included unknown authors, called Pseudo-Plutarch.

Fa-hien

historian

Qingzhou, Shandong, China

399

Record of Buddhistic Kingdoms [399 to 414]

He was Chinese Buddhist historian who traveled through India and Ceylon [399 to 414].

Tabari or Abu Jafar Muhammad ibn Jarir al-Tabari [al-Tabari, Abu Jafar Muhammad ibn Jarir]

historian

Persia/Baghdad, Iraq

914

Annals of Apostles and Kings [914]

He lived 839 to 923.

Balami or Abu-Ali Mohammad Balami [Balami, Abu-Ali Mohammad]

historian

Bokhara

946 to 973

Annals [966: translated and shortened version of Tabari plus fables]

He was vizier at Bokhara [946 to 973].

Mas'udi or Abu al-Husayn 'ali Ibn al-Husayn al-Mas'udi [al-Mas'udi, Abu al-Husayn 'ali Ibn al-Husayn]

historian

Baghdad, Iraq

956

Meadows of Gold and Mines of Gems [956]

He lived ? to 957 and wrote world history.

Jacopo de Voragine [Voragine, Jacopo de] or Jacobus de Voragine [Voragine, Jacobus de]

historian/biographer

Rome, Italy

1260 to 1275

Golden Legend [1260 to 1275]

He lived 1229 to 1298 and wrote about saints.

Ibn Khaldun

historian/sociologist/economist

Tunis, Tunisia

1370

Prolegomenon or Introduction or Muqaddima[1370]

He lived 1332 to 1406, was Sufi and politician, and was "father of science of history". History analyzes development of culture through social, political, and economic patterns and causes {unran}.

Samuel Pepys [Pepys, Samuel]

historian/biographer

London, England

1669

Diary [1669]

He lived 1633 to 1703.

Samuel Johnson [Johnson, Samuel]

historian

London, England

1750 to 1779

Dictionary [1750]; Lives of the Poets [1779]

He lived 1709 to 1784.

James Boswell [Boswell, James]

historian/biographer

Scotland/London, England

1762

Biography of Samuel Johnson [1762]

He lived 1740 to 1795.

Edward Gibbon [Gibbon, Edward]

historian

England

1783

Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire [1783]

He lived 1737 to 1794.

Louis Saint-Simon [Saint-Simon, Louis]

historian

Paris, France

1788

Memoirs on the Court of Louis XIV [1788]

He lived 1675 to 1755.

Alexis de Tocqueville [Tocqueville, Alexis de]

historian

Paris, France/USA

1835

Democracy in America [1835]

He lived 1805 to 1859.

Thomas Carlyle [Carlyle, Thomas]

historian

London, England

1837

French Revolution [1837]

He lived 1795 to 1881. Heroes make history {great man theory}, not social forces.

Francis Parkman [Parkman, Francis]

historian

USA

1847 to 1885

Oregon Trail [1847]; History of the Conspiracy of Pontiac [1851]; Montcalm and Wolfe [1885]

He lived 1823 to 1893.

Richard F. Burton [Burton, Richard F.]

historian

England

1853

Pilgrimage to Mecca [1853]

He lived 1821 to 1890 and translated Kama Sutra and Arabian Nights.

Leo Frobenius [Frobenius, Leo]

historian

Halle, Germany

1898 to 1913

African Masks and Secret Societies [1898]; Voice of Africa [1913]

He lived 1873 to 1938.

Van Wyck Brooks [Brooks, Van Wyck]

historian/critic

USA

1909 to 1947

Finders and Makers series [1909 to 1947: history]

He lived 1886 to 1963.

Thomas Edward Lawrence [Lawrence, Thomas Edward] or Lawrence of Arabia

historian

England/Arabia

1916 to 1923

Seven Pillars of Wisdom [1923]

He lived 1888 to 1935 and helped King Faisal I of Egypt defeat Ottoman Empire in the Arab revolt.

Leon Trotsky [Trotsky, Leon] or Lev Bronstein [Bronstein, Lev]

historian

Moscow, Russia

1920

Defense of Marxism [1920]

He lived 1879 to 1940 and was Bolshevik leader. Stalin exiled him to Mexico and murdered him there.

James Truslow Adams [Adams, James Truslow]

historian

USA

1921

Founding of New England [1921]

He lived 1878 to 1949.

Will Durant [Durant, Will]

historian

USA

1926 to 1967

Story of Philosophy [1926 and 1961: with Ariel Durant]; Story of Civilization [1967]

He lived 1885 to 1981.

Edith Hamilton [Hamilton, Edith]

historian

USA

1930 to 1955

Greek Way [1930]; Roman Way; Mythology [1955]

She lived 1867 to 1963.

Allan Nevins [Nevins, Allan]

historian

USA

1932 to 1971

Grover Cleveland: A Study in Courage [1932]; Hamilton Fish: The Inner History of the Grant Administration [1936]; Ordeal of the Union [1947 to 1971]

He lived 1890 to 1971.

Arnold Joseph Toynbee [Toynbee, Arnold Joseph]

historian

England

1934 to 1961

Study of History [1934 to 1961: 12 volumes]

He lived 1889 to 1975.

Robin G. Collingwood [Collingwood, Robin G.]

historian

England

1936 to 1940

Idea of History [1936]; Principles of Art [1938]; Essay on Metaphysics [1940]

He lived 1889 to 1943, was positivist, and wrote about Roman Britain.

Epistemology

Philosophy, history, and all thinking depend on fundamental assumptions {absolute presupposition}, which form perspective. Absolute presuppositions are neither true nor false. People need to imagine previous-epoch thoughts and actions to understand their practical problems. The idea of agency is basis of the idea of causality.

Carl Sandburg [Sandburg, Carl]

historian

USA

1939

Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years [1939]; Abraham Lincoln: The War Years

He lived 1878 to 1967.

Henry Steele Commager [Commager, Henry Steele]

historian

USA

1943 to 1950

Majority Rule and Minority Rights [1943]; American Mind [1950]

He lived 1902 to 1998.

Arthur Schlesinger [Schlesinger, Arthur]

historian

USA

1945 to 1965

Age of Roosevelt [1957 to 1960]; Age of Jackson [1945]; 1000 Days [1965]

He lived 1917 to ?.

George F. Kennan [Kennan, George F.]

historian

USA

1946

Long Telegram [1946]

He lived 1904 to 2005.

Bruce Catton [Catton, Bruce]

historian

USA

1953

Stillness at Appomattox [1953]

He lived 1899 to 1978 and wrote about USA civil war.

MacKinlay Kantor [Kantor, MacKinlay]

historian

USA

1955

Andersonville [1955: USA civil war]

He lived 1904 to 1977.

Theodore White [White, Theodore]

historian

USA

1960 to 1972

Making of the President [1960 and 1968 and 1972]

He lived 1915 to 1986.

Jacques Barzun [Barzun, Jacques]

historian

USA

1961

Classic, Romantic, and Modern [1961]

He lived 1907 to ?.

Barbara Tuchman [Tuchman, Barbara]

historian

USA

1962

Guns of August [1962]

She lived 1912 to 1989.

Kenneth B. Clark [Clark, Kenneth B.]

historian

England

1969

Civilisation [1969: Harper and Row, New York, about art]

He lived 1903 to 1983.

Antonia Fraser [Fraser, Antonia]

historian

England

1969

Mary Queen of Scots [1969]

She lived 1932 to ?.

Samuel Eliot Morison [Morison, Samuel Eliot]

historian

USA

1971 to 1974

European Discovery of America: The Northern Voyages [1971]; European Discovery of America: The Southern Voyages [1974]

He lived 1887 to 1976.

Peter Novick [Novick, Peter]

historian

USA

1988

That Noble Dream [1988]

John M. Roberts [Roberts, John M.]

historian

England

1994 to 1997

History of the World [1994]; Concise History of the World [1997]

He lived 1928 to 2003.