

# What is History?

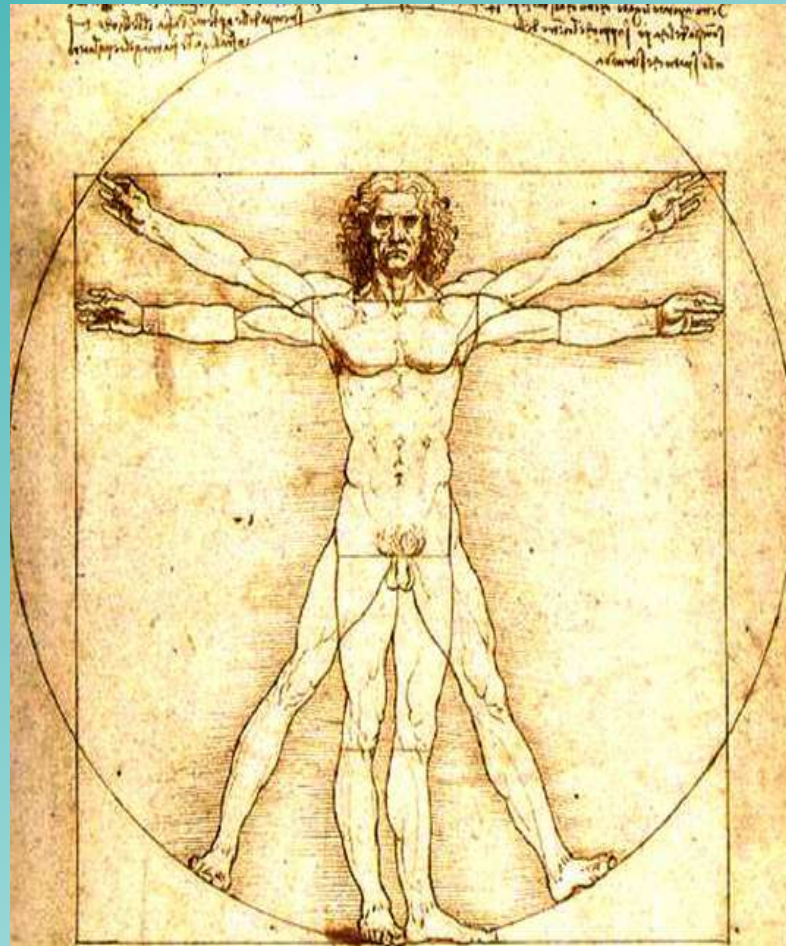
- From the Greek 'historia' - information or an inquiry designed to elicit truth.
- The term history is often defined differently by different historians and social scientists.
- For our class:
  - A chronological record of events, significant and otherwise, including an explanation of the causes of those events.
  - A tale or story.
  - A record and explanation of past events.

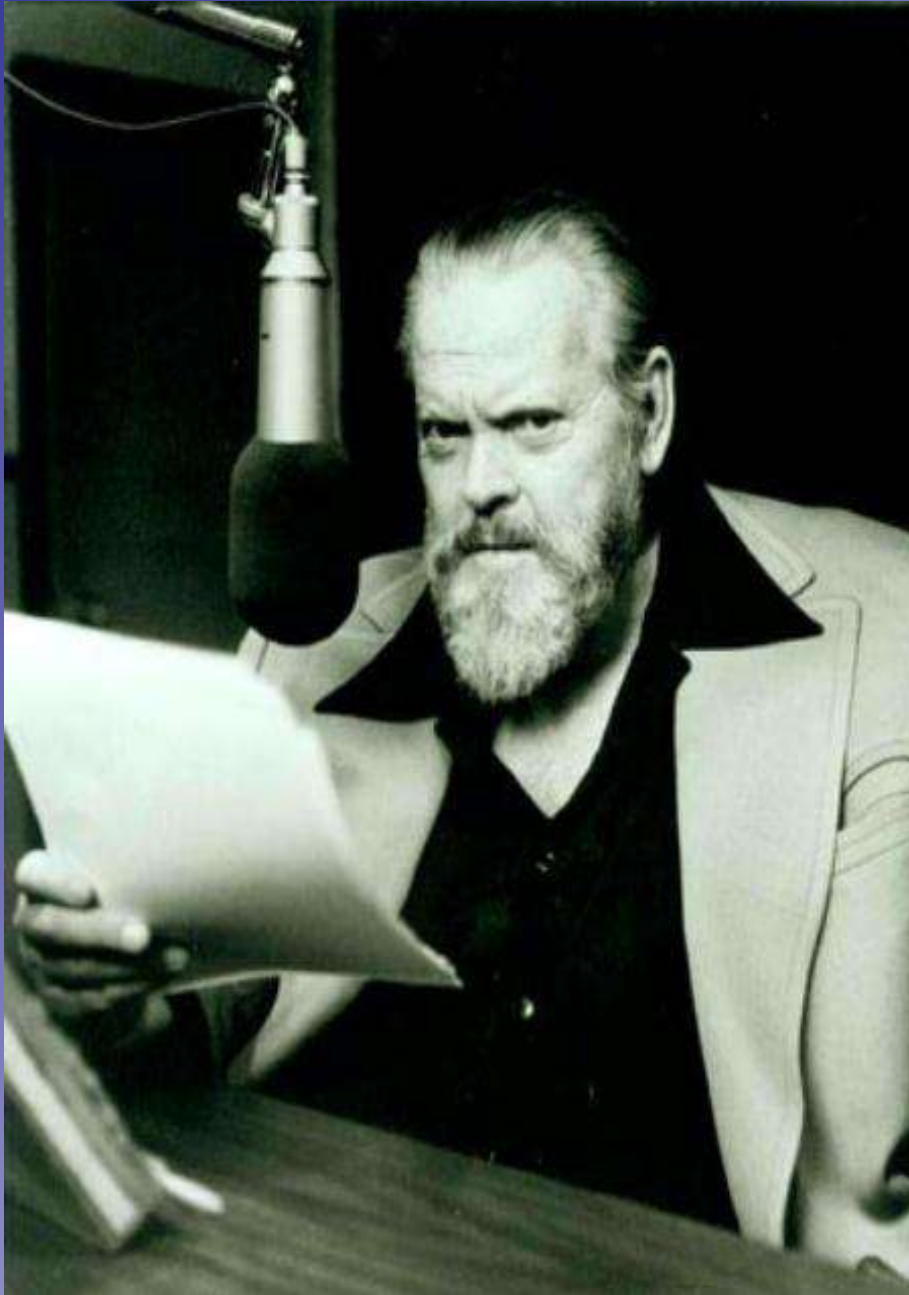
*“Many have made a trade of  
delusions and false miracles,  
deceiving the stupid multitude.”*



*"Those who seek the truth are more than friends.  
They are Brothers."*

*Leigh Teabing – The da Vinci Code page 240*





- *"Blinding ignorance does mislead us. O! Wretched mortals, open your eyes!"*  
*Leonardo da Vinci*

**Orson Welles gave us the radio production of "The War of the Worlds" on Halloween in 1938 while working for Mercury Theatre.**

THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE

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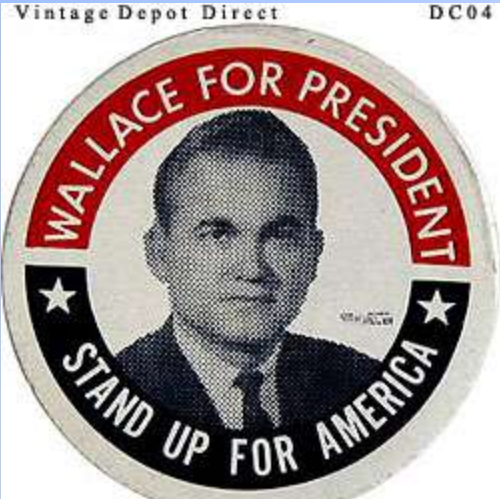
**WHY**

**STUDY**

**HISTORY?**

*All of us, both as individuals and as a people,  
are shaped by past events more than we can  
fully understand.....*











When we study history we must use great care.

Who should we listen to?

Am I being deceived?

What should we read?

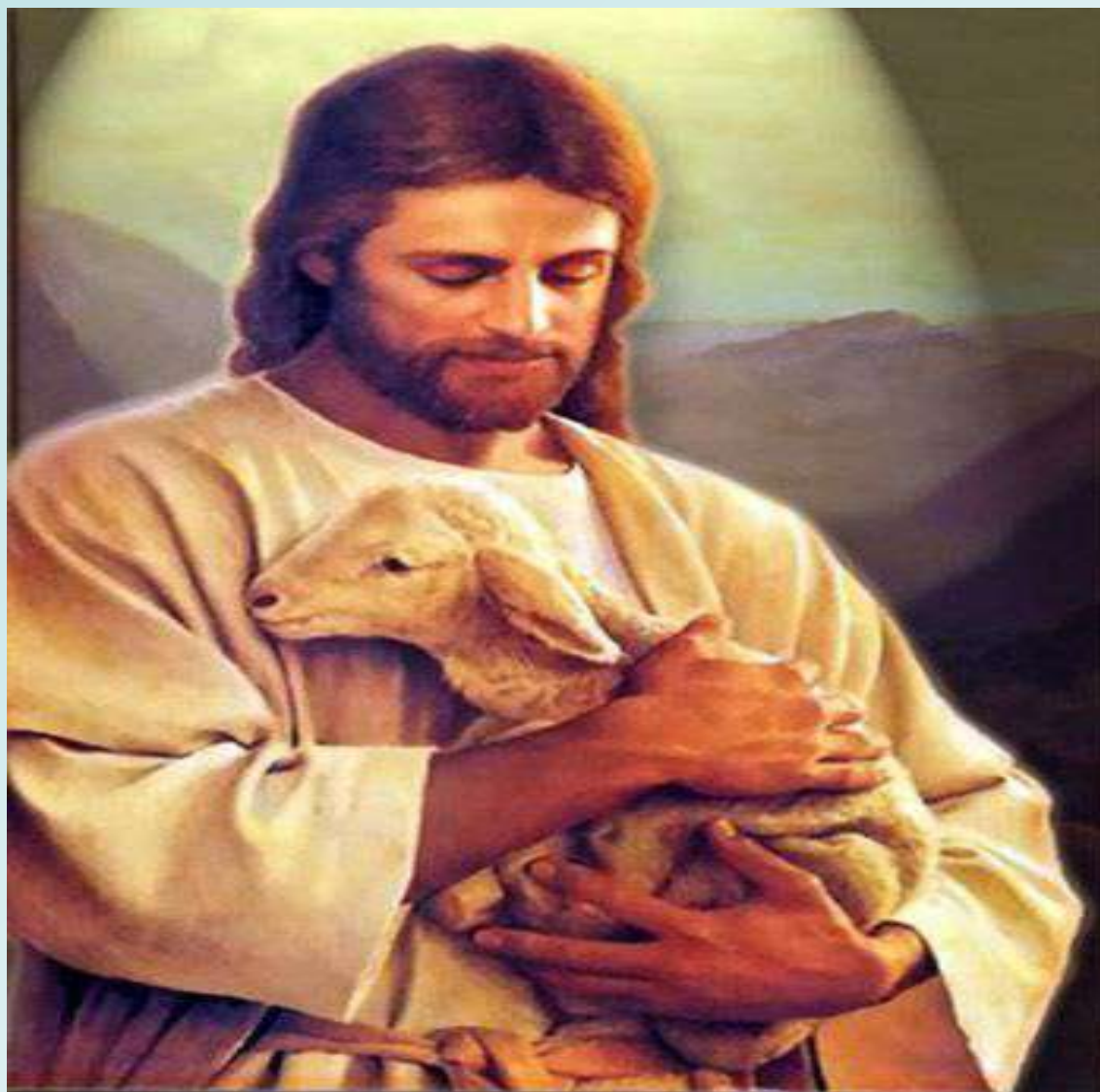
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Who or what can we trust?

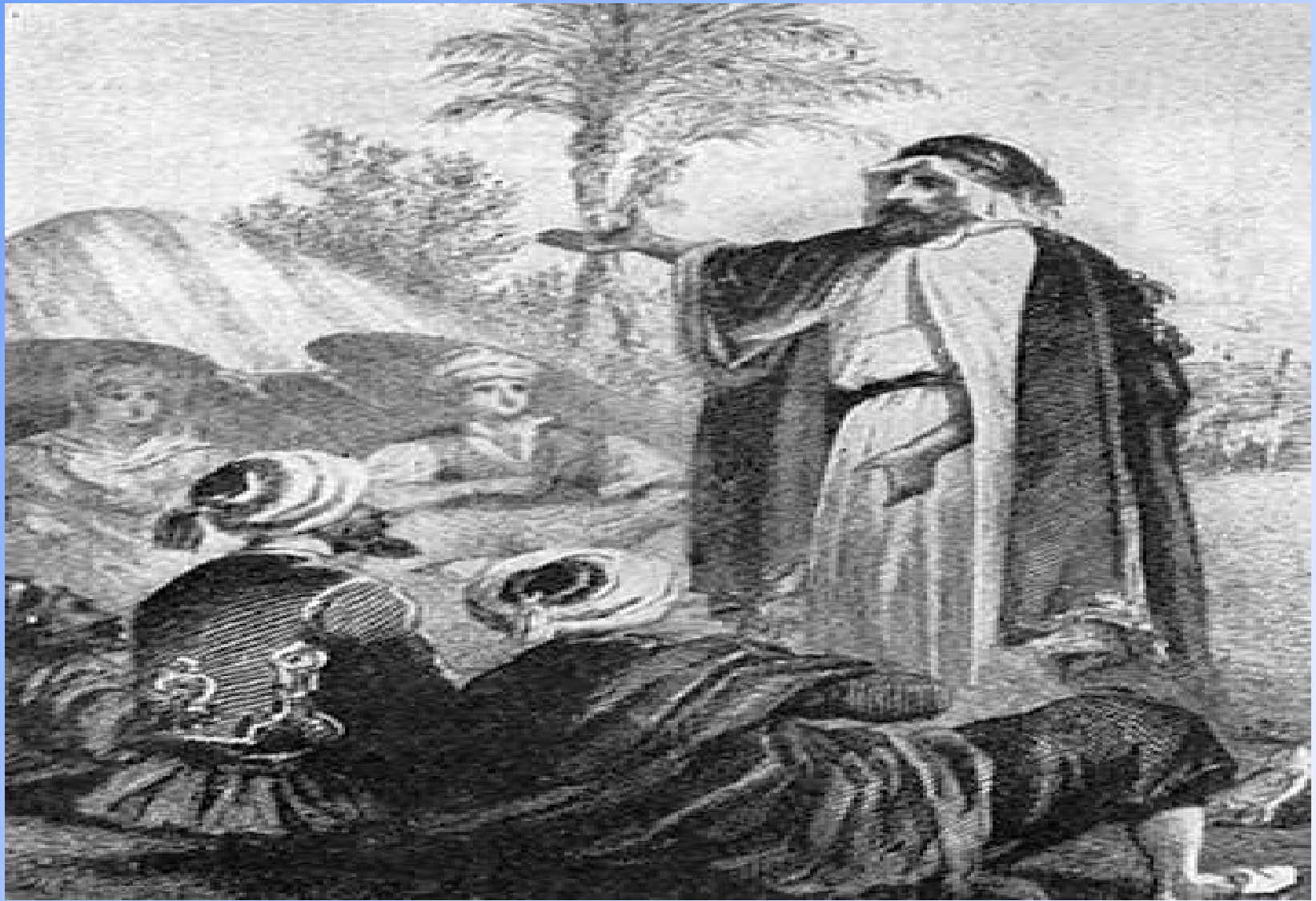


**Do we trust to luck?**

*FAITH?*



*Jesus Christ*



*The Prophet Mohammed*

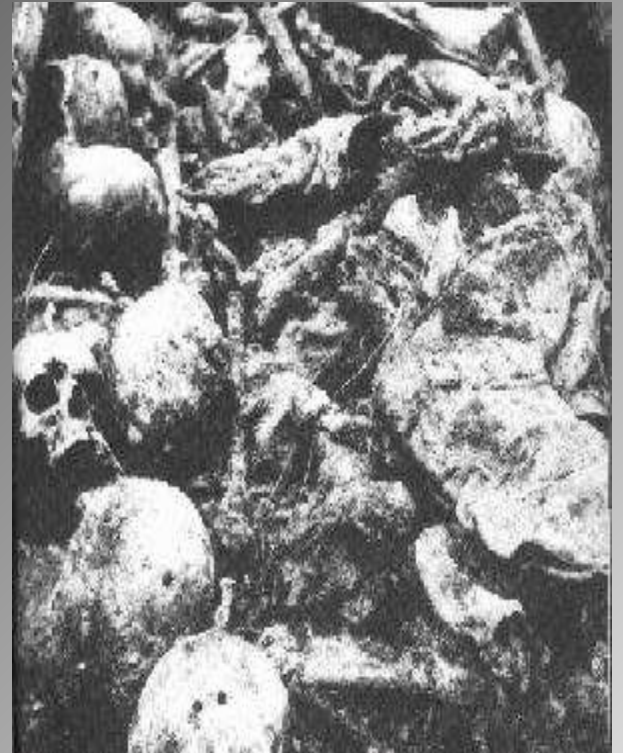




*LEADERS?*



*Stalin and Lenin*





*Deng*



*Mao*

*Hu*



June 4: Bodies of dead students lying in a Beijing hospital storeroom



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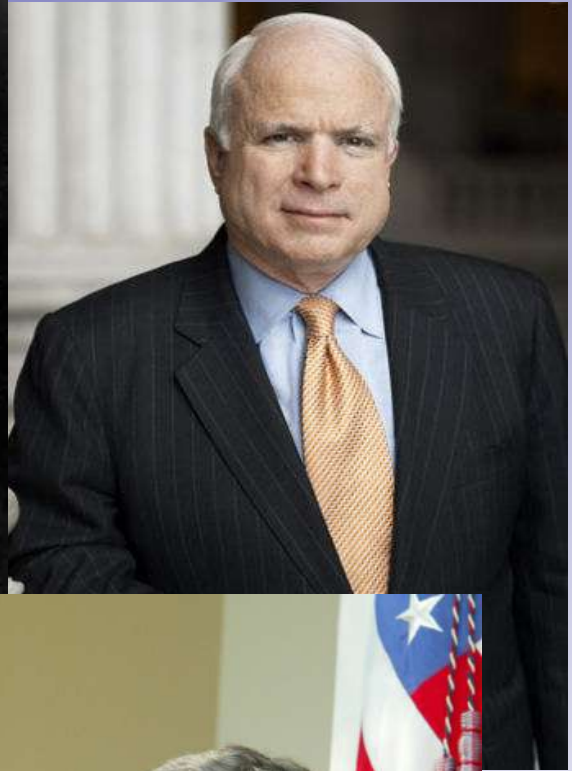
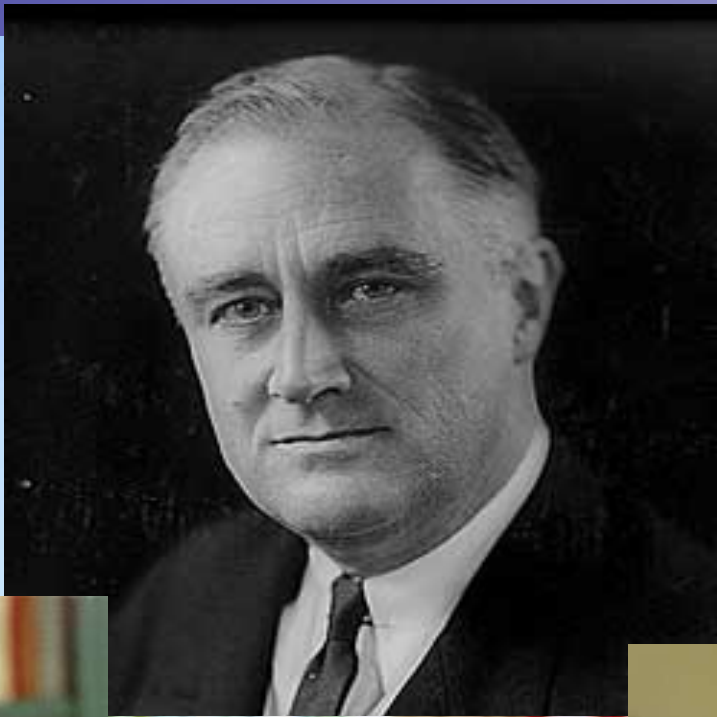


*Adolf Hitler*









# Why do we study history?

- To objectively study past events.
- To assist in the prediction of future events.
- To advance past ideas for future growth.
- To search for answers.
- To search for the true meaning of past events.
- To better yourself and your nation.
- To be entertained and informed.

# Why do we study history? (academic reasons)

- In order to ensure that great deeds are not forgotten.
- In order to understand the present and prepare for the future.
- In order to provide a moral lesson - a model of good behavior and a warning about evil.
- In order to understand the history of one's nation and to increase patriotism or a sense of identity.
- In order to encourage civic participation and citizenship.
- In order to lessen prejudices.
- In order to appreciate arts and literature.
- In order to foster personal growth.

**When you study history, you need to approach the subject like a scientist approaches an experiment; with detachment and objectivity. However, the great thing about studying history is that you can let yourself go and become emotionally involved in what you are studying. Yes, you will need to know facts, names, and dates. But that is not what history is all about. *History* is the *story* about human kind. It is the story of you and of how you came to be.**

**"The first step in liquidating a people is to erase its memory. Destroy its books, its culture, its history, Then have somebody write new books, manufacture a new culture, invent a new history. Before long the nation will begin to forget what it is and what it was. The world around it will forget even faster."**

# What is Culture?

**Culture is the way of life of a human society transmitted from one generation to the next by learning and experience.**



# What is society?

**Human beings interacting in the tasks that are necessary for their survival.**

**When you think of cultures and societies.....**

**THINK.....**

