

## **Ch1-History-When, Where and How**

### **Why do we study the past?**

- **We study the past to understand how & why our early ancestors lived. The story of our past tells how agriculture,**
- **Irrigation & animal husbandry began & how it led settled life.**
- **To study history, we come to know about great kings/queens.**
- **Studying history helps us to understand how beliefs & ideas came into being and influenced the course of history.**
- **An expert who studies archaeology, which is the science of exploring and excavating old ruins, and studying them.**

### **Dates in history**

**In history, you see dates written as BC or AD. BC stands for Before Christ or the number of years before Jesus Christ. AD**

**Stands for Anno Domini or ‘in the year of our Lord’s. The date of birth of Christ is taken as 1 AD which is 2000 years ago.**

**Therefore, the date 650 BC means  $2000+650=2650$  years ago.**

**Now, historians use BCE and CE in place of BC and AD, respectively. BCE stands for Before Common Era;CE stands for Common Era. The dates in BCE are always counted backwards.**

**This means that 80 BCE comes after 90 BCE. Dates before the year 1 CE are indicated by the use of BCE.**

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