

SPOTLIGHT ON HISTORIANS



HISTORIANS research, analyze, and interpret the past. Their research provides insights that help us understand different ways in which individuals and groups make decisions, exercise power, and respond to change. They collect facts, opinions, and other information. Historians usually specialize in a specific country or geographic region, in a particular time period, or in a particular field, such as social, intellectual, cultural, political, or diplomatic history. Genealogists trace family histories. Biographers collect detailed information on individuals. Other historians help study and preserve archival materials, artifacts, and historic sites and buildings. They use standard techniques to locate, evaluate, and interpret historical evidence. Many historians teach in colleges and universities.

Helpful Qualities for HISTORIANS include:

- Intellectual curiosity and creativity
- Ability to communicate their ideas clearly in both speech and writing
- Academic aptitude
- Objectivity and open-mindedness
- Systematic work habits
- Ability to work both independently and in a group
- Analytical skills and good judgment

Salary	National (Per Year)	Maryland (Per Year)
Starting Salary	\$32,500	\$33,500
Average Salary	\$46,500	\$48,000
Salary with Experience	\$56,000	\$58,000

Related Occupations:

- Economist
- Market-Research Analyst
- Political Scientist
- Research Worker, Social Welfare
- Sociologist
- Anthropologist
- Archaeologist
- Conservator, Artifacts
- Scientific Linguist

Information for Further Thought and Exploration:

- McDaniel College Career Services <http://www.mcdanielcareers.org>
- American Historical Association <http://www.historians.org/>
- History Department <http://www.mcdaniel.edu/3433.htm>