

① How do coins help to study history?

The faces of kings and queens, battle scenes even the name of the ruler and the year in which it was going on or the ruler's dynasty. Thus coins help us study history.

② Mention any 3 reasons of studying history. What are the 3 written sources of ancient Indian history? Describe any one of them.

- History helps us study our past and about our ancestors.
- We can learn from the mistake in the past and correct our future.
- We can be tolerant and broad-minded about the stories of other people.

The three written sources of ancient Indian history are Religious, Secular and traveller's account.

Secular - It refers to the writings on topics other than religion like politics, medicine, grammar, social stories, etc. Biography like Harshacharita by Banabhatta gives us an idea about the kind of rule by Harsha.

Arthashastra by Kautilya is a treatise on government, economic policy and military strategy.