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**Subject: Social Science**

**Aspect: Supported**

**Topic: When where And How**

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**Grade : VIII.....**

**Learning Objectives:**

- Introduce the changing nomenclature of the subcontinent and other regions.
- Introduction to new geographical categories.
- Outline of the time frame (18th and 19th centuries)  
an introduction to sources used by historians

**How Important are Dates?**

Dates help us in finding out how things were in the past, and how things change over time.

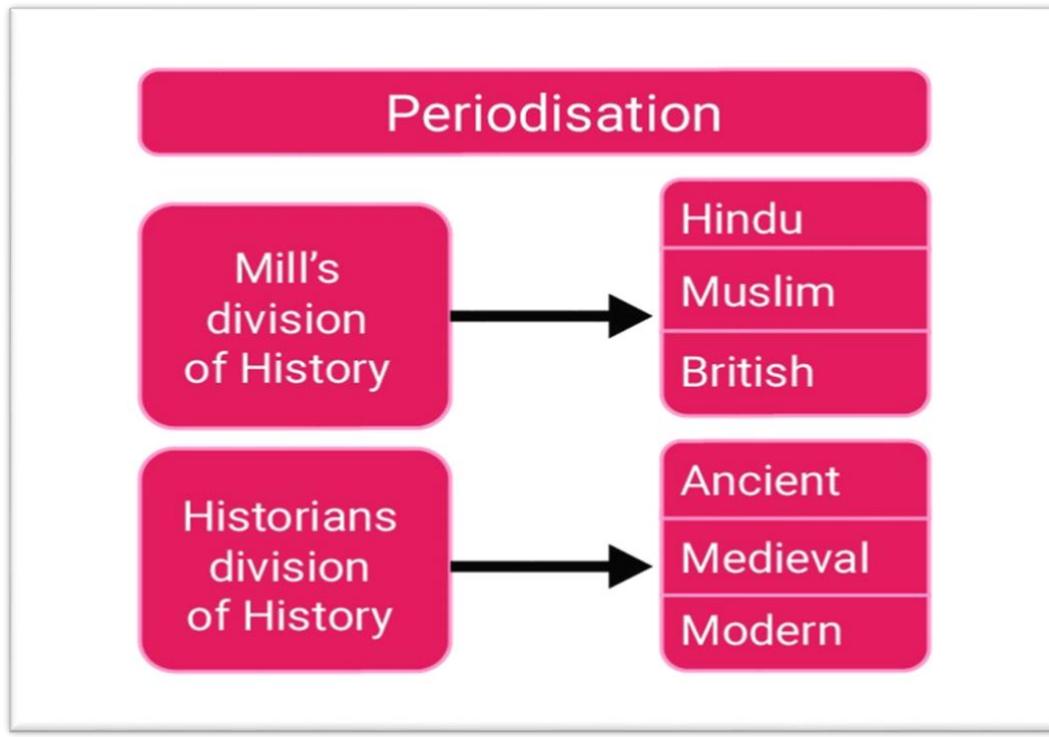
Earlier, history was an account of battles and big events, such as:

- the year some king was crowned
- the year he was married and had a child
- the year he fought a particular war or battle
- the year he died
- the year the next ruler succeeded to the throne

To the people connected or close to kings, those dates were important. But the concept and study of history has changed now, and more emphasis is given to why things happen and not only on when they happen.

**Which Dates Become Important?**

- We choose to write history around some dates, and then those dates become important. This happens because people focus on some major events (wars, for example) that they believe are important. But with time, a new set of events might come into focus, and new dates become important.
- Also, histories written by and about British Governor Generals do not give us a correct picture of the status and everyday activities of ordinary Indians. So history is actually very different for different people.



### How is the Past Divided in Periods?

- In 1817, James Mill of England, in his book 'A History of British India', divided Indian history into three parts:
  1. The Hindu period
  2. The Muslim period
  3. The British period
- To improve upon this narrow classification, Indian historians usually divide Indian history into:

Ancient history

Medieval history (the time between the ancient and modern periods)

Modern history (associated with modern forces such as reason, science, liberty, democracy, and equality)

Note : Interview your mother or another member of your family to find out about their life. Now divide their life into different periods and list out the significant events in each period. Explain the basis of your periodisation .( use history notebook for writing).