

Writing a Historiographical Paper

A **historiography paper** is an essay that analyses the different ways in which various historians have approached a historical topic. Unlike a research paper, a historiography paper is not a study of a historical subject; instead, it is an examination of how scholars' interpretations of history and historical events have changed over time. A historiography paper should give a detailed overview of the major works of scholarship on a topic, and it should summarize, evaluate, and critique the arguments of each of those works.

Check these resources on historiography:

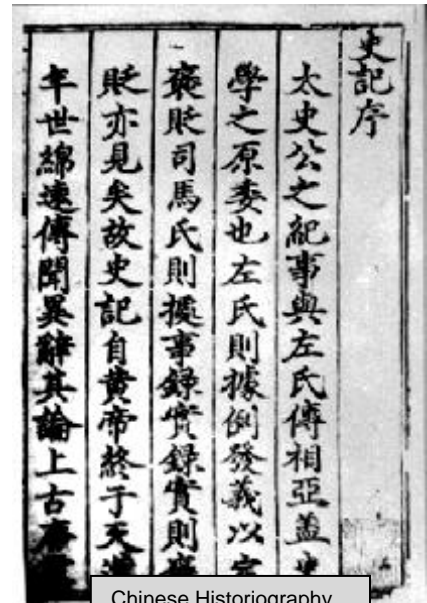
<http://www.cgu.edu/pages/840.asp>

<http://www.writing.ku.edu/~writing/guides/historiography.shtml>

For the development of national, regional and topic historiographies, see the following two volume set:

Encyclopedia of historians and historical writing
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