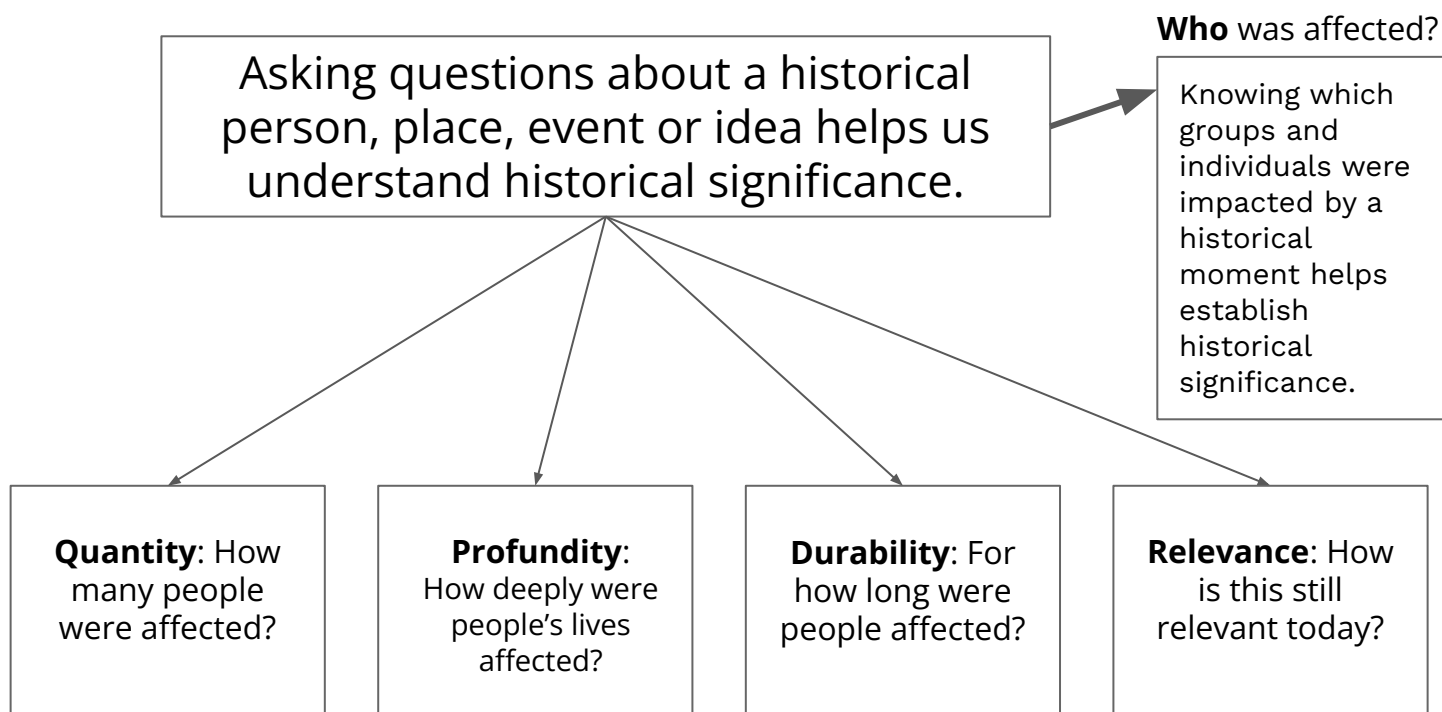


# WHAT IS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE?

**Quick Definition:** Thinking historically means identifying and exploring the reasons why historical people, places, events, or ideas are worth remembering; that is, their historical significance.



Understanding something's historical significance gives it meaning. In uncovering something's historical significance we gain purpose in our study of the past.

## Practice!

Write an event in your life or the world around you: \_\_\_\_\_ Using the above questions, what makes that event historically significant?

Does something have to be significant for everyone for it to be historically significant? Explain.