

History and storytelling

Over the last few years (0) has been more interest in the subject of history, perhaps because historical documentaries on television have (9) attracting large audiences. According to a recent survey, more people are applying (10) places at university, and the number of those wanting to study history (11) increased. However, professors of history are (12) particularly happy about this and have expressed concern about the quality of their students. They claim that most of their first-year students have never read a history book and don't have the skills (13) study the subject in depth. TV programmes make students think that studying history is as simple as storytelling. Documentaries oversimplify the subject and concentrate (14) personalities in an attempt to attract audiences.

On the other hand, traditional historians could learn (15) to tell a story from the makers of such documentaries. Many historians don't have good narrative skills, which is (16) so many history books are not popular with readers.