HISTORY & STORYTELLING

Read the text below and write the word that best fits the gap. Use only one word in each gap.

Over the last few years (1)_____ has been more interesting in the subject of history, perhaps because historical documentaries (2)_____ television have attracted large audiences. Historians who often complain (3)_____ lack of interest in their subject should be delighted at this development, shouldn't (4)_____ ?

According to a survey, more people are applying (5)_____ places at university, and the number of those wanting to study history (6)_____ increased. However, professors of history are (7)_____ particularly happy about this increase and have expressed concern about the quality of their students. They claim that most of (8)_____ first-year students have never read a history book and don't have the skills (9)_____ study the subject in depth. TV Programs make students think that studying history is (10)_____ simple as storytelling. Documentaries oversimplify the subject and concentrate (11)_____ personalities in an attempt to attract audiences.

On the other hand, traditional historians could learn (12)_____ to tell a story from the makers of such documentaries. Many historians don't have good narrative skills which is (13)_____ so many history books are not popular with readers.



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