

# WHAT CAN I DO WITH A HISTORY DEGREE?

History is about more than understanding what happened in the past. Studying history develops skills that will make you successful in a variety of professional pursuits, and will also enable you to be a more informed citizen. Learn to:

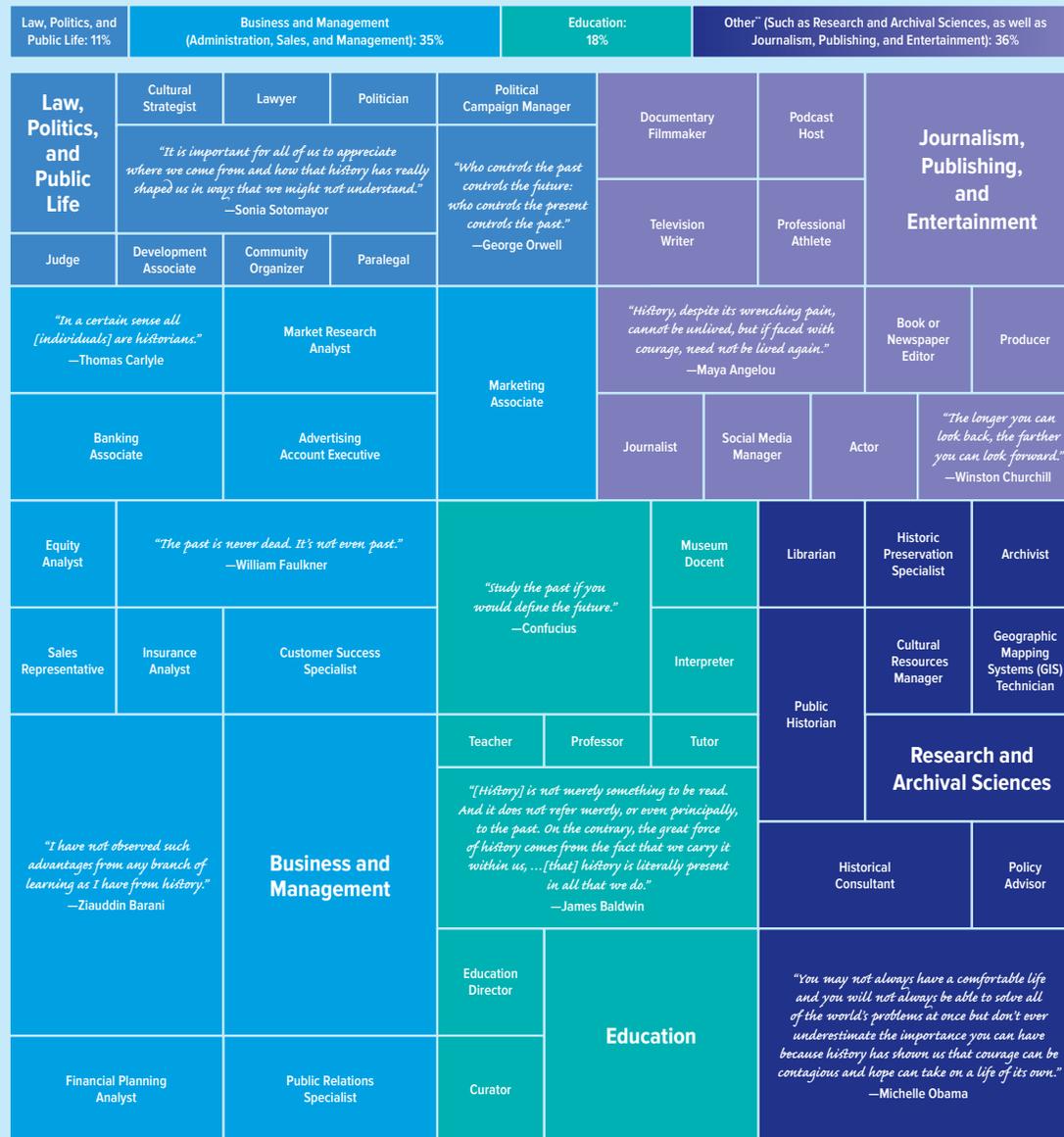
- ▶ Evaluate contradictory viewpoints, including differentiating between fact and opinion. Develop and practice empathetic thinking.
- ▶ Contend with and draw conclusions from incomplete or inconsistent evidence. Synthesize sources from a variety of perspectives, and use evidence to inform critical discussion and argumentation.
- ▶ Grasp the significance of the past in shaping the present, including both continuity and change. Recognize the diversity of human experience across time and place as well as the forces that tie societies together.
- ▶ Use historical knowledge as a lens to understand contemporary issues. Understand that our ability to make choices and create change are constrained by circumstances and opportunity.

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 Source: List of skills (below) informed by the American Historical Association's Turing Project and the National Council for History Education's "History's Habits of Mind."

## POPULAR CAREERS FOR HISTORY MAJORS

The size of these categories reflect recent data\* of career paths chosen by history majors. We hope these ideas and quotes provide inspiration as you consider your future career path.



\*Paul B. Sturtevant, "History is Not a Useless Major: Fighting Myths with Data," Perspectives on History, April 1, 2017. \*Other represents a variety of careers including financial services, community and social services, healthcare, architecture/engineering, information technology, art, design, entertainment, sports, and media.