

# Historical Short Story Checklist

When writing a historical story, it's good to do research to try to avoid historical errors. You may do research before you write, or you can do it when you're rewriting, or even both. What you have to research will depend on your story, but here is a checklist of some common things.



- \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of events
- \_\_\_\_\_ Correct spelling of place names
- \_\_\_\_\_ Correct spelling of people's names
- \_\_\_\_\_ Biographical details of your historical people
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clothing (fabrics, colors, decorations)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Food and drink
- \_\_\_\_\_ Language (including slang)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Homes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Religious practices
- \_\_\_\_\_ Animals (what animals lived there, what were people's relationships with animals)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plants (what plants were there, how did people use them)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Professions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Money
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hobbies
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