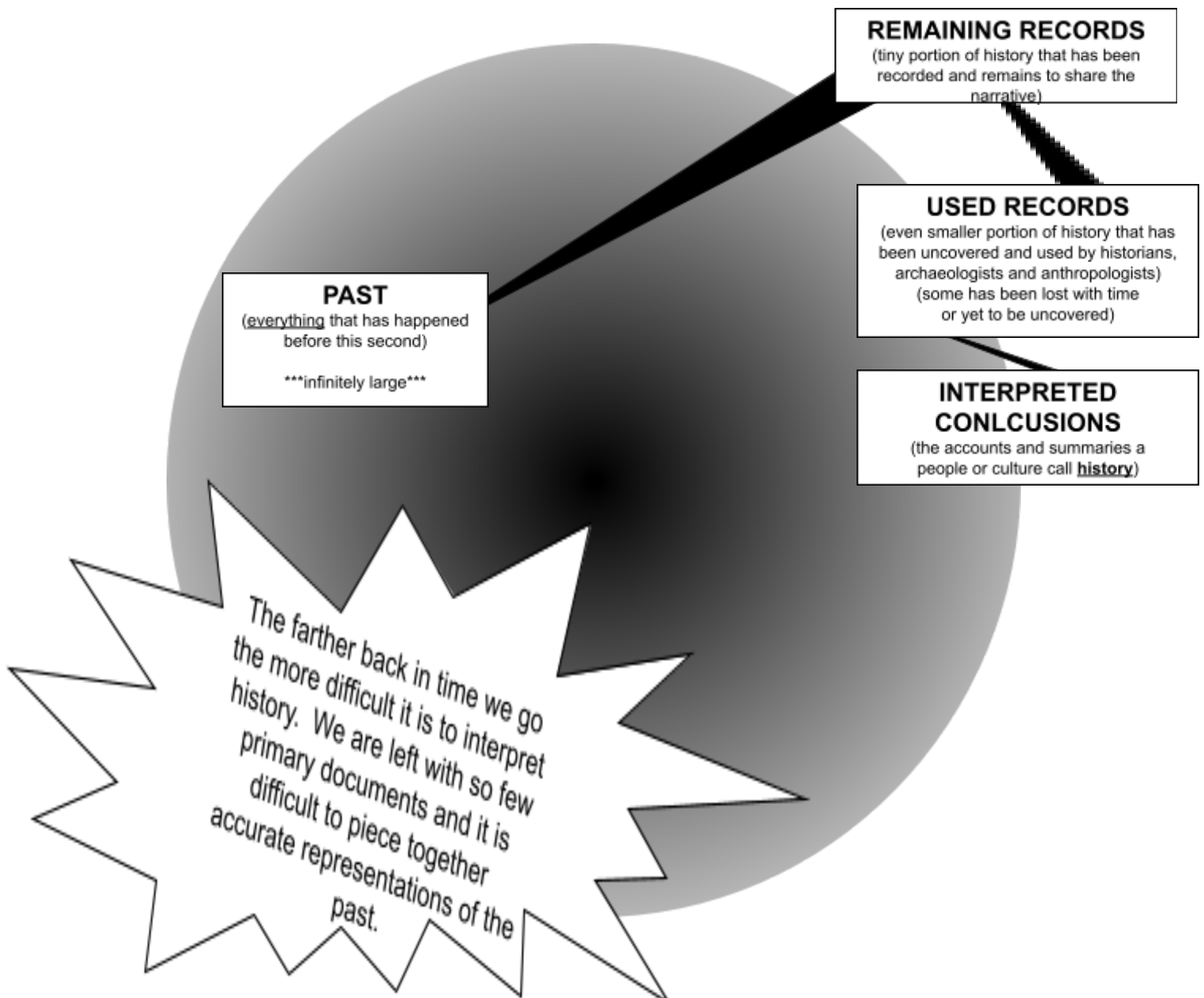


Have you ever thought about what the word ‘history’ actually means? Dictionary.com defines history as *a continuous, systematic narrative of past events as relating to a particular people, country, period, person, etc., usually written as a chronological account*. The definition uses the term *narrative*. A narrative is a story or account of events. When we study history and look at historical documents we must question the identity of the storyteller. Whose narrative is it?

Take a look at the following diagram and discuss the follow-up questions:



## FOLLOW UP



Answer the following questions and discuss your answers:



Who writes the narratives in the history we study?



Can there be more than one story of the same event?



Hundreds of years from now will historians have an easier time understanding our lives?



What is a fact? How do we know if something is a fact? What criteria do we use?

A large, empty gray rectangular box intended for students to write their answers and discuss them.