How do Historians do History?

The Process of Historical Inquiry

Ask substantive questions about historical topics
Analyze primary and secondary sources (Find relevant sources, gather information and evaluate sources)
Organize and evaluate the information and evidence from the sources (compare, contrast, synthesize, and corroborate)
Construct explanations and arguments about the past using evidence from multiple sources
Share their work, listen to critiques, and refine their explanations and arguments

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