

www.WaterHistory.org Frequently Asked Questions

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This document answers Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about www.WaterHistory.org

1. Why this website?

In a recent *Scientific American* (Feb. 2001), Peter H. Gleick (director of the Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment and Security) made the following statement "The history of human civilization is entwined with the history of the ways we have learned to manipulate water resources." *waterhistory.org* will hopefully shed additional light on this relationship.

2. What type of histories are you trying to encourage?

waterhistory.org is looking for anything that deals with the role of water in history. Or conversely, the impact of history on water. We are particularly interested in social and economic investigations. For example, we encourage speculations on how water systems impact the human condition . . . for better or worse.

3. Is the website interested in other types of articles?

Definitely, *waterhistory.org* is also interested in: (1) informative cultural resource studies; (2) entertaining (but factual) pieces; (3) insightful general interpretations, (4) short and readable professional treatises; (5) background information for world travelers, (6) short biographies of historic figures; and (7) articles that address historical controversies.

4. Is the website interested in anything other than articles?

Yes, *waterhistory.org* is also interested in other pieces of an historical or artistic nature like: quirky photographs, illustrations, "how-to-get-there" maps, water-related art, etc.

5. Are you specializing in any particular geographic area?

No, we want to be truly global.

6. Are there format requirements for prospective articles?

Not really. It may be instructive to look at articles already posted on *waterhistory.org*. We encourage authors to take advantage of the unique capabilities of the Internet. We would appreciate a short biography (2-3 paragraphs) of the principal author.