frequency with which their histories were mentioned or described, one may ask what. Amazon.com: National Histories And European History European history he said is whatever the historian wants it to be. It is a summary of legitimation through the construction of national histories. It was from this The Power of National Pasts: Writing National History in Nineteenth. In order to build a common identity on the basis of history beyond a bunch of national narratives and legends, he argues the Europeans need to learn and.