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Oral History and Story-Sharing Resources: An Annotated List of Websites, Books and Programs

GENERAL ORAL HISTORY RESOURCES

Oral History Association

<http://omega.dickinson.edu/organizations/oha/>

This professional organization for oral historians provides resources for classroom-based oral history projects.

Oral History Discussion List

<http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/~oralhist/>

A network for scholars and professionals active in studies related to oral history.

Baylor University's Institute for Oral History: Oral History Workshop on the Web

http://www3.baylor.edu/Oral_History/Workshop.htm

This online workshop includes "Introduction to Oral History," "Tips for Family Oral History" and a "Transcribing Style Guide."

California State University Long Beach, Dept. of History, Oral History Program

<http://www.csulb.edu/depts/history/relprm/oralprimer/OHprimer.htm>

Contains an "Oral History Primer" that details the oral history process from beginning to end.

UC Berkeley Regional Oral History Office

<http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/ROHO/>

Tips on conducting interviews and a handy one-minute guide to collecting oral histories.

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UCLA Oral History Center

<http://www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/special/ohp/ohpdocs.htm>

Oral history advice, links to other online resources and sample legal agreements.

Southern Oral History Program, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

<http://www.sohp.org/howto/index.html>

A useful how-to guide, various interview forms and an excellent oral history bibliography.

Step-by-Step Guide to Oral History

http://www.dohistory.org/on_your_own/toolkit/oralHistory.html

A thorough guide to oral history developed by historian and educator Judith Moyer Topics. Topics range from an explanation of how and why to collect oral history to guidelines for planning and conducting interviews.

ORAL HISTORY TEACHING RESOURCES:

History Matters:

<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/expansion.html>

A useful site for history teachers and others interested in using oral histories as a teaching tool in the classroom.

Making Sense of Oral History:

<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/mse/oral/>

Teachers can find valuable information here about using and working with oral histories.

BOOKS/MANUALS ON ORAL HISTORY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

James Hoopes, *Oral History: An Introduction for Students* (1979).

This work was written especially for classroom-based oral history projects.

Cliff Kuhn and Marjorie L. McLellan, eds. *Magazine of History*, v. 11, no. 3 (Spring 1997).

A special oral history issue of the magazine published by the Organization of American Historians and directed at secondary and undergraduate teachers. It is also available online at <http://www.oah.org/pubs/magazine/oralhistory/>

Barry A. Lanman & George L. Mehaffy, "Oral History in the Secondary School Classroom" (1988).

Oral History Resources

This volume contains accounts of successful oral history projects and practical suggestions for classroom oral history projects.

Laurie Mercier & Madeline Buckendorf, "Using Oral History in Community History Projects" (OAH, 1992).

The authors offer ideas for organizing and undertaking community oral history projects. The book provides a step-by-step guide to project planning and establishing project objectives, with suggestions about identifying resources and securing funding.

"Oral History Evaluation Guidelines," 2nd edition, (2000).

Adopted by the National Endowment for the Humanities as the standard for conducting oral history, these guidelines are also available on the Oral History Association's website at http://omega.dickinson.edu/organizations/oha/pub_eg.html

Donald A. Ritchie, *Doing Oral History*. (1995).

This is a useful guide to oral history research from an author who is both a past president of the Oral History Association and the associate historian to the U.S. Senate Historical Office.

Linda P. Wood, with introduction by Marjorie L. McLellan, "Oral History Projects in Your Classroom" (2001).

This guide, written for classroom teachers, includes sample forms, handouts, examples, curriculum suggestions and discussion questions, taken directly from real-life classroom oral history projects around the country. It can be ordered from the Oral History Association (http://omega.dickinson.edu/organizations/oha/pub_ps.html).

EXEMPLARY ORAL HISTORY PROJECTS:

Always Lend a Helping Hand: Sevier County remembers the Great Depression
<http://newdeal.feri.org/sevier/>

Created by Richfield (Utah) High School students, this site includes 24 oral history interviews, photographs and essays.

Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1938
<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/snhtml/snhome.html>

This site has more than 2,300 first-person accounts collected as part of the 1930s Federal Writers' Project of the Works Project Administration. The narratives were assembled and microfilmed in 1941 as the 17-volume *Slave Narratives: A Folk History of Slavery in the United States from Interviews With Former Slaves*.

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Civil Rights in Mississippi Digital Archive

<http://www.lib.usm.edu/~spscol/crda/index.html>

This website offers 125 oral histories relating to the civil rights movement, drawn from the University of Southern Mississippi Center for Oral History Collection. The site also offers oral history information about prominent figures on both sides of the civil rights movement.

The Whole World Was Watching: An Oral History of 1968

<http://www.stg.brown.edu/projects/1968/>

A joint project between South Kingstown High School and Brown University's Scholarly Technology Group. The website contains transcripts, audio recordings and edited stories of a series of interviews conducted in the spring of 1998.

What did you do in the war, Grandma?

http://www.stg.brown.edu/projects/WWII_Women/tocCS.html

An oral history of Rhode Island women during World War II written by students in the Honors English Program at South Kingstown High School.

ORAL HISTORY PROGRAMS AT CALIFORNIA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

Looking for an oral historian in your area? Or just tips on how to manage a story-based project? Make sure to check out your regional oral history program. Many programs offer training, consultation services, technical advice and other useful information on collecting oral histories.

Claremont Graduate University

http://www.cgu.edu/hum/his/Oral_History_Catalog/

CSU Fullerton, Center for Oral and Public History

<http://coph.fullerton.edu/>

CSU Long Beach Oral History Program

<http://www.csulb.edu/depts/history/relprm/oral01.html>

CSU Monterey Bay, Oral History & Community Memory Institute & Archive

<http://hcom.csUMB.edu/oralhistory/index.html>

UC Berkeley Regional Oral History Office

<http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/ROHO/>

UC Santa Cruz Regional History Project

<http://bob.ucsc.edu/library/reg-hist/index.html>

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OTHER USEFUL ORAL HISTORY LINKS:

California Council for the Promotion of History (CCPH)

<http://www.csus.edu/org/ccph/>

This professional organization for historians and other history professionals throughout the state is dedicated to fostering, facilitating, and coordinating efforts to ensure the preservation, interpretation and management of California's historical resources.

California Cultural Directory:

<http://www.californiahistoricalsociety.org/programs/ccd.html>

Need to look up your local historical society? Log on to the California Cultural Directory's website. This searchable index is a joint project of the California Studies Program at San Francisco State University and the California Historical Society. The directory organizes by county close to 1,000 cultural and historical institutions in California, including libraries, museums and educational institutions.

Conference of California Historical Societies (CCHS)

<http://www.californiahistorian.com/>

This umbrella organization for local historical societies throughout the state helps historians and others interested in history connect and share information about how to preserve records, artifacts, sites and buildings. Features on this site include links to local historical societies and an event calendar.

PreservationDirectory.Com

<http://www.preservationdirectory.com/general.html>

This resource site provides a wide range of information for people interested in historic preservation, building restoration, heritage conservation and cultural resource management.

Southwest Oral History Association (SOHA)

<http://soha.fullerton.edu/>

Through publications, meetings, workshops and other activities, this organization supports and promotes oral history as a method for exploring and recording history, culture and current experiences in the Southwest.