

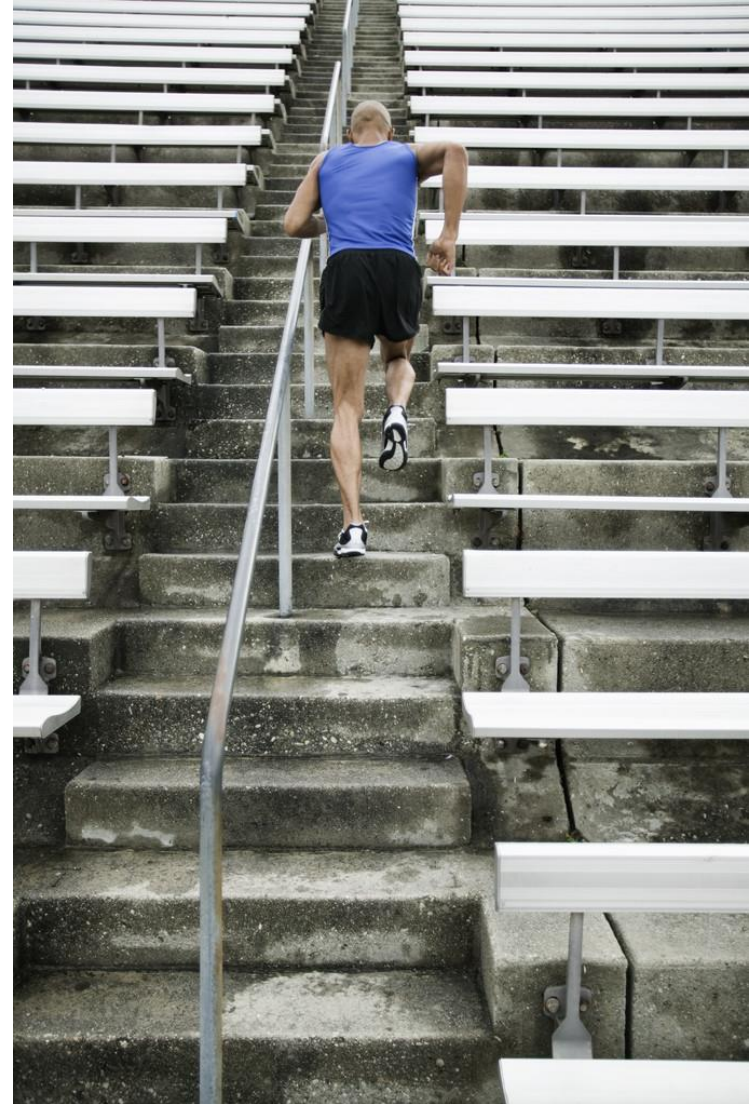
Oral History Project



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Project Steps

1. Identify 3-4 elders to share accounts from your community



Plan

2. Plan interview questions and develop interview techniques



Practice

3. Practice interviewing someone here at school and write up a model account based on that interview



Interview

4. Interview elders over the summer and record their accounts



Take Detailed Notes

5. Take detailed notes during the interview and organize them after



Use Technology

6. Use technology to assist your interview: take photos, videos record interviews (with permission), log text and schedule time for additional interviews if clarification is needed.



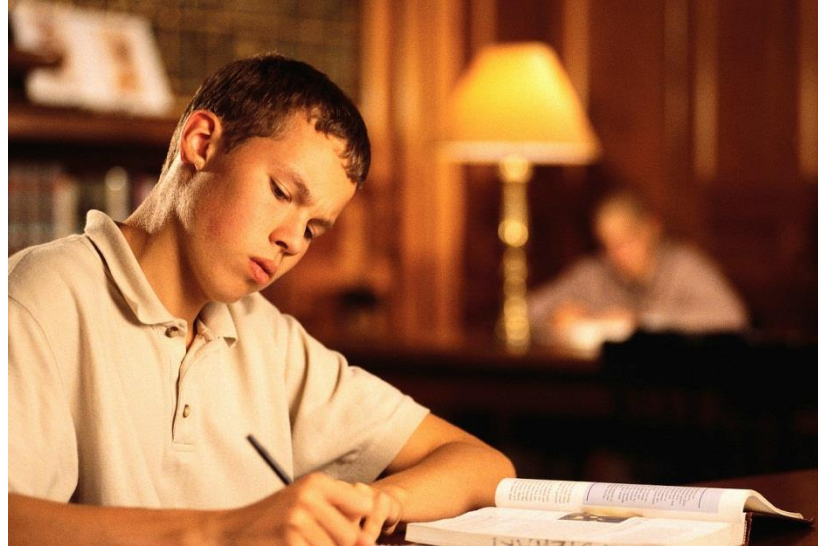
Reflect and Synthesize

7. Reflect on your interviews and synthesize the accounts to create a “picture of your community” from the oral history stories of the individuals you interviewed.



Write

8. Write a draft of an oral history of your community that draws directly from the interviews you conducted.



Participate

9. Participate in peer critique to improve your oral history account



Edit

10. Edit the account



Publish

Publish the account



Sample Interview Questions



Historical Events



What was life like under Soviet rule?

What do you remember about the struggle for independence?

How has life changed since independence?

Critical Life Events

What was your childhood like?



Did you celebrate any particular event when you became an adult?

Describe your marriage ceremony?

Community Specific Events



How has this community changed over the past fifty years?

How has the role of the elders in the community changed?

How has education changed?

General Interview Questions



What were the best experiences in your life? Why?

What were the hardest experiences in your life? Why?

Who has been the biggest influence on your life? Why?