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Oral History Analysis (Part 1- Observe, Analyze, Reflect)

OBSERVE	ANALYZE	REFLECT
<p>What is the modality (i.e., audio, video, written transcript, written document, etc.)?</p> <p>Who is telling the story? What do you know about them?</p> <p>Is there an interviewer? What do you know about them?</p> <p>When did the events being described take place? What events were happening at this time?</p> <p>What other observations can you make?</p>	<p>What purpose does the storyteller have in telling their story?</p> <p>What are the storyteller's main claims? What is the storyteller revealing?</p> <p>What is the storyteller's point of view?</p> <p>What emotions or moods are being conveyed by the storyteller? How do you know?</p> <p>What might be missing from this oral history?</p>	<p>What did you learn from this oral history?</p> <p>What is the emotional impact of this oral history? How did this oral history affect you?</p> <p>What other questions would you ask this person? What more do you want to know?</p>



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Oral History Analysis (Part 2- Corroboration)

1. Identify elements of corroboration between the oral history and what else you have learned.	
2. Identify elements of contradiction between the oral history and what else you have learned.	
3. What conclusions can you draw about the resettlement experiences of Vietnamese refugees in Washington?	

Whole Group Discussion Question: What are other ways historians learn about the past? What role does oral history play compared to other ways of learning?

