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

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

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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?

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