

Oral History

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A qualitative approach

- “Use of oral interviews of individuals who witnessed or participated in particular events as sources of data about the past; also, the use of ballads, tales, and other forms of spoken language as sources of data about the past.”

- from Gall, Borg, & Gall, p. 765

One example

- Example from the Library of Congress
- From the Veterans History Project
- Project invites participation from everyone
- Experiencing War: Stories from the Veterans History Project

A few examples

- See the class web site
- Partners at each computer examine some of the examples
- Split the list in half with others at your table
- Be ready to describe them to others at your table