Evaluator’s name ____________________________

**Oral History Evaluation Handout**

1. Title of the source: ________________________________________________

2. Type of oral history source: ____________________________________________

3. Format of oral history source: (mark all that apply)
   - ___ Edited transcript
   - ___ Transcript and index
   - ___ Verbatim, unedited transcript
   - ___ Handwritten
   - ___ Audio
   - ___ Video
   - ___ Typed

4. Who is the author or creator of the document? (name, position, title)
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5. a. Who conducted the interview? ________________________________________
   b. What are his/her qualifications? ________________________________
   c. For what audience was the document written? ____________________

6. What does the source offer that you cannot find elsewhere?
   ________________________________________________________________

7. In what ways does this source further your historical understanding?
   ________________________________________________________________

8. a. What has been left unanswered by this source:
   ________________________________________________________________
   b. Where can those answers be found?
   ________________________________________________________________
9. How does this source relate to other documents?

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10. What major events were happening in the world that this interviewee is recounting?

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11. Do you know about other people, places, and events from this same historical period? ________

If so, how does this help you better understand the event(s) that the interviewee describes?

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12. What sorts of other evidence or accounts might help you answer your questions?

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13. List three quotes that the interviewee said that you think are important:

1. __________________________________________________________________________

2. __________________________________________________________________________

3. __________________________________________________________________________

**Source Rating:** Rate and then explain why or why not this is a valuable historical source.

1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  
Not valuable Valuable Extremely Valuable

Why? ________________________________________________________________

(Adapted from: *Bringing History Home Document Analysis Guide* & *National Archives Written Document Analysis Worksheet*)