

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)

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?

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

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?

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

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*)