Monday, January 10, 2011

Writing Project 6--Oral History

Oral History Interview and Write-up

Okay, we are officially close to the end of the semester. and if we are at the end of the semester, that must mean our final writing project. Writing Project 6 is a special project because the actual writing is the secondary part, the stuff that comes before the writing is the really unique part of this writing project.

So, as a part of Writing Project 6 you will be interviewing a wagemaker; in essence you will be doing an oral history with a person that you select over the Thanksgiving break. Part of this process will be to sit-down with the person, record an oral history, and then report back on your experience.

I would suggest taking this opportunity to interview a relative and perhaps turn this into the start of a type of family history project.

As practice before the interview, we will be going over the process of doing an oral history in class. So, in this entry I will detail the outcomes needed for this writing project.

This writing project will entail doing a two-page paper. The first page of the paper will be a short history of the job that your interviewee did as a wagemaker. Be sure to incorporate recollections from your interviewee into the short history of the person’s wagemark, but also include a reference from a book or scholarly journal.

For the second page of this writing project, transition into the experience of doing your oral history. Attempt to analyze what you learned from this process, what you liked or disliked about the process, or what you might do different if you were to do this again.
Working Class

"I asked a man in prison what he happened to be there for. He said he was in for stealing a pair of shoes. The railroad he worked for shut down."

About this Class

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Required Texts:

1. Craft of Research, 2nd ed.

2. Challenge Accepted

3. The Working Poor
Stuff to Know

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