

HIS 311/511

Instructions for first 200-word response

Due in class Friday, September 12, 2008

Imagine that you're planning to interview a dozen restaurant owners in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood with the goal of producing a web page that presents the culinary history of Tremont. After reading pages 5-14 (especially pages 8-13) in Baylor University's Institute for Oral History "Introduction to Oral History" (available as a PDF at [http://www.baylor.edu/Oral\\_History/index.php?id=23566](http://www.baylor.edu/Oral_History/index.php?id=23566)), discuss some of the issues you would want to consider as they pertain to this specific example. Be sure you offer some thoughts on how to apply some of the suggestions in no fewer than 3 of the 6 sections in this page range (i.e. Focusing & researching a topic; Selecting interviewees; Creating an interview outline; Composing questions; Making contact & setting up; Getting the story). The purpose of this assignment is to be sure you are familiar with some of the essential basics of oral history, which is a major component of many public history projects.