

ORAL HISTORY MADE EASY 2026

End point assignment brief

1. Rationale The end point assignment is designed to enable you to engage on deeper learning by reflecting on your oral history development journey to date. It also allows you to write a personal, professional action plan to support you in further developing your oral history knowledge, skills and attributes. Please use the first personal narrative form i.e. 'I'.

2. Learning outcomes

2.1 This assignment has the following three learning outcomes:

- (i)** To apply the principles of experiential learning to the practice of oral history.
- (ii)** To allow for reflection on the knowledge, skills and attributes needed in oral history.
- (iii)** To inform a professional and personal action plan as part of ongoing self development.

3. Format Choose **one only** of the following formats for your assignment:

3.1 (i) A 1,000 word written report with 750 words on your development journey and the remaining 250 on your future development action plan.

(ii) Poster series using four Power Point slides which show your oral history development journey (three slides) and your future development action plan (one slide). You can add a narration here if you want (optional)

(iii) A short film lasting around 6 – 8 minutes where you talk about your oral history development journey (4 – 5 mins) and your professional development plan (2 – 3 mins).

(iv) An audio file or short podcast lasting around 6 – 8 minutes where you talk about your oral history development journey (4 – 5 mins) and your professional development plan (2 – 3 mins).

(v) Other format e.g. collage; web based resource; other. Please check the suitability of your format with Angela before proceeding.

4. Suggested structure

4.1 For your reflections on your development journey section 1, please describe what: your hopes and fears were before you started the course (revisit your notes on this from week 1). Discuss how your knowledge and understanding of oral history has developed throughout the course. Be specific here – what have you learnt? What did you enjoy most and why? Was there anything you did not enjoy and why? Did anything surprise you as you progressed through the course? e.g. about the nature of oral history or how you felt about the prospect of doing your first interview? Did you encounter any particular challenges along the way?

4.2 For your reflections on your development section 2, please outline what three things went well during your oral history interview and why. Also, talk about what three things you would improve next time and why.

4.3 For the final part of the assignment, outline a brief action plan to further support your oral history development journey. For example, do you intend to do any further training? How about putting together a project management plan for your oral history project? Might you seek to advice of a mentor? Would you like to remain connected with the people in your cohort and/or join one of the professional oral history associations?

5. Suggested time for completion

5.1 It is anticipated that this task should not take any longer than 2.5 – 3 hours to complete. If anyone is having any problems with the assignment or needs an extension, please let Angela know.

Please email your assignment to Angela on or before 17th March 2026. **Thanks very much.**