

KEYS TO PARTICIPATION IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS' VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

- If your interview of a veteran is
 1. submitted to the Library of Congress and becomes part of their permanent archives under this project
 2. you complete each portion of the assignment exactly according to the parameters set forth by the Library of Congress in their instructions (www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/)
 3. you meet all preliminary and final deadlines set forth by Mr. Ruppert (5 steps total) in completing the project, this option will, brace yourself, result in

A GRADE OF 100%, WHICH WILL ACCOUNT FOR 40% OF YOUR 4TH M.P. GRADE

- All of the details and instructions for the project and the forms needed to complete the project are available at www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/
 - www.loc.gov/vets/vetform-allforms.pdf
 - Checklist
 - Biographical Data Form
 - Veteran's Release Form
 - Interviewer's Release Form
 - Audio / Video Recording Log
 - Photograph Log
- The website also has a wealth of information designed to help you complete the project, including:
 - A page titled "Especially for Students" with sample interviews, transcript format, etc.
 - Interview Tips and Resources (Sample questions...may serve as a good starting point)
 - Tips on how to go about finding a veteran to interview
 - **BOTTOM LINE...REALLY GET TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THE PROCESS AND THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT BEFORE YOU DEALVE INTO IT!!!**
- A few other key factors / pointers / highlights
 - **FIRST THINGS FIRST**, Explain the project fully to your potential interviewee. IF HE / SHE IS NOT WILLING TO HAVE HIS / HER HISTORY SUBMITTED TO THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, THAN YOU MAY NOT DO THIS PROJECT AS YOUR SECOND SEMESTER RESEARCH PROJECT OPTION! ...May still be done for extra-credit however.
 - Interviews may be submitted in a variety of formats, as is discussed on the website...additional documentation (photos, letters, etc.) are gladly accepted, but must be correctly documented on the given forms
 - **YOUR INTERVIEW IS EXPECTED / REQUIRED TO BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 30 MINUTES MINIMUM**
 - It will take you a long time, long time, long time, to transcribe it for submission as your final paper for American History 11 – plan accordingly.