Evaluator’s name:__________________________________________________________

**Oral History Evaluation Worksheet**

1. Title of the source:__________________________________________________________

2. Type of oral history source:__________________________________________________

3. Format of oral history source: *(check all that apply)*
   - Edited transcript
   - Verbatim, unedited transcript
   - Audio
   - Video
   - Transcript and Index
   - Typed
   - Handwritten

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?

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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?

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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? ____________________________________________

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(Adapted from: Bringing History Home Document Analysis Guide & National Archives Written Document Analysis Worksheet)