Honors LA 10

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**Oral History Unit: A Prewrite**

**Introduction**: The next unit we will be exploring is based around the concept of **oral histories**. In order to prepare yourself for this subject and find out what kind of prior knowledge you have (even without having realized it!), respond to the following prompts.

1. What is an oral history? Look for definitions on the internet, in a dictionary, or from someone older than you at home. Put the definition you find in your own words.

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1. What are some of the key differences between a written history and an oral history? How do you think the message or story is affected by being transmitted in a spoken form?

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1. What oral histories have you heard in your own life (from family members especially – think of stories that have been told many times, over and over, in many situations)? Give a couple of examples.

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1. Think of some people in your life that may have interesting stories to tell. They could be friends, relatives, adults you know, or people you encounter on a daily basis. Note down a few possibilities and the reason that you think they may possess oral histories worth hearing.

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