HIST 103 Researching the Topic

Reading: Marius and Page, Short Guide, Chapter 2, pp. 27-61.

MUSTAFA SERDAR KARAKAYA

Although nothing up until now (like the arrival of printing press or the invention of computers) did not fundamentally affected the way we produce history, how could the fundamental way of producing history be changed in the future or is such a thing even possible?

NAZLCAN HIZAL

It is stated in this chapter that some of the bibliographies are annotated which means that the compiler comments briefly on the cited articles. Do you think this type of bibliography would be more useful or would it impose the compiler's biases on the researcher?

FATMA ELIF ÖZSOY

What are the procedures of oral history? How do historians prepare their questions? Are there any ethical standards that define limiting factors of oral history?

ECE ERLAT

Today Wikipedia is one of the most popular and widely used website for accessing information. But as it is commonly debated, Wikipedia has many issues on citations and reliability of sources. According to you, what is one of the biggest issues of Wikipedia? If you were the head of Wikipedia, what regulations would you apply to preserve the reliability and objectivity of the information without disinclining people from their curiosity to learn and write on Wikipedia?

JBID ÖĞER

...History is a much more open discipline than it once was..(pg: 32,33)
Can we say that there is an undeniable effect of technology in the expanding of history?

MELIKE COŞKUN

Among all those historical sources (newspaper, diaries, books, articles, interviews, documentaries, pictures, etc), how could we find the best resource that will help the topic which we want to search? How much can we ensure that those resources are well enough to understand the fundamental basis of the topic?

CAGIL BEKIİK

How can a historian know that he/she has collected adequate resource for his/her writing and that any more effort for research would be a waste of time as it is seen in Turner’s case? What are the standards to assess the sufficient resource?

EKIN EMIROĞLU

In which dimensions, the electronical possibilities affected the research process of writing historical essays negatively?

AYLIN ERDOGAN

1) What are some ways to narrow down a broad topic in order to write a good, original paper?
2) Do you write new entries or/and edit existing entries in Wikipedia or other websites? If your answer is positive, do you only enter new information in case you are sure that you've mastered that topic, or do you sometimes write down some information about which you are not entirely sure?

**Merve Duran**

“One of our students wondered how she might answer questions from her children about the bananas they frequently ate for breakfast. So she did some reading, thought about the problem, posed a number of questions, and the final result was an excellent history essay on how bananas became such a popular food in the United States although almost none are actually grown commercially here.” (P.33)

What is the thing which is emphasized at this example about the topic of a history essay? How do we interpret relations between history and topics of history essays?

**Zeynep Yıldız**

How does conversational, diological approach to the past affect the historian and his/her works?

**Furkan Inan**

What are the benefits of computer technologies?

**Burcu Kavkacı**

What is the importance of narrowing the scope? Explain it by giving an example.

**Cem Ege Dundar**

The author claims that the World Wide Web is a dangerous place for a researcher since everyone can easily create a fake evidence or document without too much trouble. So do you think the paper based alternatives are much more reliable in terms of accurate information or do you believe that just because it's written down on a paper, it shouldn't necessarily be a non-biased, accurate source?

**Ahmet Çağatay Ünsal**

What do you think about using Wikipedia as a source?

**Beray KocabAŞ**

1) Do you think that historian's attitude have changed dramatically? Because of global thought, we have lots of perspectives. But maybe an old historian was not like that. Thus, how would this situation affect history researching or interpreting?

2) How did social media have an influence upon history?