

ASSESSMENT

POSITIVES OF ORAL HISTORY

Oral history has many positives. It is intensely personal. Its most positive ^{attribute} attitude is the impact it can have on a viewer.

Today we are experiencing a lack of understanding of our past due to the standard of living (quality of life), generation gap, changing trends and attitudes. Oral history is a decent way of conveying the behaviour of people at a particular point in time. This produces important insight into the mindset of people at the time and goes a long way to comprehending their perceptions and actions in the present.

Getting a unique perspective of a prominent event is also important. It give a fresh angle to the days' events from the perspective of a specific individual. As a result of the heavy censorship under the apartheid regime, it is inevitable that, at some point, information would have been manipulated to suit the government of the day. So this process enables one to have guarantees that information is original and complete.

