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## ALBUM VOICES REMEMBERING SLAVERY: FREED PEOPLE TELL THEIR STORIES - 1999 ABC NEWS STORY

### Album Description

A recording of a 1999 ABC News Story about the *Voices Remembering Slavery: Freed People Tell Their Stories* Collection at the Library of Congress appeared in my YouTube feed. The stories selected for the piece were rather compelling and so I thought I'd curate the Video along with the links to the original primary source recordings at the Library for my own future reference and for anyone else who'd like to access them.

Please note the YouTube video does have some commentary at the beginning and end, but it's mostly some additional information and reflection of the person who posted it.

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## **INTERVIEW WITH AUNT HARRIET SMITH, HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS, 1941 (PART 3 OF 4)**



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### Teaching Notes:



I wanted to add a teaching resource created by Kile Clabaugh for a presentation at NCSS in 2019.

The link contains an agenda for a session entitled "Teaching Literacy Through Civil War Maps and Slave Narratives"

Included are links with information to build context around the slave narrative collections at the Library of Congress and several teaching strategies in which these recordings can be utilized for teaching.

All the resources and teaching materials are linked.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DsBF2P0ksRdaWm5XRqotxPFe5qzWNc8R\\_Xx13L0Ss3U/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DsBF2P0ksRdaWm5XRqotxPFe5qzWNc8R_Xx13L0Ss3U/edit?usp=sharing)

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### Teaching Notes:



Julie Schaul this is a great resource. Thanks for sharing!

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### Teaching Notes:


These audio recordings serve as a powerful reminder of how the actual voice of those telling their stories adds a dimension of insight. The voices and language of another period in history take us back in time in a way the printed word might now. It is far more personalized with audio recordings, so thank  Keith Patterson for the visits we have with our storytellers.

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### Teaching Notes:

Added this great album to Primary Source Spotlight: Slavery (U.S.).

## **JOHN HENRY FAULK PRIMARY SOURCES AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**

### **Teaching Notes:**

John Henry Faulk was mentioned in the 1999 ABC News Story as one of the interviews that conducted the conversations with the formerly enslaved peoples.

This mostly contains his recordings, but it also includes a letter to Alan Lomax about his progress recording in East Texas, which is a nice commentary of the day-to-day work of conducting these interviews.  
[https://www.loc.gov/item/afc1941005\\_mss001/](https://www.loc.gov/item/afc1941005_mss001/)

## **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS COLLECTION: VOICES REMEMBERING SLAVERY: FREED PEOPLE TELL THEIR STORIES**

### **Teaching Notes:**

The recordings of former slaves in *Voices Remembering Slavery: Freed People Tell Their Stories* took place between 1932 and 1975 in nine states. Twenty-two interviewees discuss how they felt about slavery, slaveholders, coercion of slaves, their families, and freedom. Several individuals sing songs, many of which were learned during the time of their enslavement. It is important to note that all of the interviewees spoke sixty or more years after the end of their enslavement, and it is their full lives that are reflected in these recordings. The individuals documented in this presentation have much to say about living as African Americans from the 1870s to the 1930s, and beyond.



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## **INTERVIEW WITH FOUNTAIN HUGHES, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, JUNE 11, 1949**



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## 'EX SLAVES TALK ABOUT SLAVERY IN THE USA'



'A story done by ABC News in 1999 about slavery as told by people who were slaves. Recorded in the 1940's.

This post had over 10 million views with close to 50,000 comments, showing the divide that still exists in the USA.

(FYI: I am not withholding and comments. Even those I deem based on fiction.) I believe everyone has a right to be heard. If your comment does not show up it is because of Youtube filters.)

#blackhistory #blackvoices #jimcrow #slavery #reparations'

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