

Willis Jr. High *Communications in History* Project

Topic: *Voices for the 30's: Oral Histories from the Federal Writers Project*

Search terms – Federal Writers Project, Slave Narratives, Works Progress Administration (WPA), Work Projects Administration (renamed WPA), the 1930's, Great Depression, New Deal.

Encyclopedias and Reference Works

“Works Progress Administration.” *World Book Encyclopedia* (REF 031 WORLD)

“Works Project Administration,” *Encyclopedia of African-American Cultural History, Vol. 5* (REF 973.0496 ENCYCL 10996 V5) p. 2877-2880.

Books –

Hurston, Zora Neale. *Go Gator and Muddy the Water*. (398.208996 HURSTON 1999)
African American folklore recorded as part of the Federal Writers Project (a primary source)

Hurmence, Belinda, ed. *Slavery Time When I Was Chillun* (975.00496073 HURMENCE 1997 – Sunset)
Twelve oral histories of former slaves. Part of the Slave Narratives for the WPA in 1936. (a primary source)

The WPA Guide to 1930's Arizona. (917.910453 WPA)
Compiled for the Works Projects Administration in Arizona. (a primary source)

Audiovisual Media–

Remembering Slavery: African American s Talk About Their Personal Experiences of Slavery and Emancipation. [2 audio cassettes, 1 book] (AUDIO 306.36209 REMEMB 1998) Interviews with former slaves recorded as part of the Federal Writers Project of the early 1930's. a (primary source)

Websites –

Library of Congress. “American Life Histories: Manuscripts from the Federal Writers’ Project, 1936-1940.” <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/wpaintro/wpahome.html>
Extensive collection of photographs, biographies and writing samples

“Been Here So Long: Selections from the WPA American Slave Narratives.”
<http://newdeal.feri.org/asn> Includes photographs and sample documents.