

# 2014-2015 History BA Programmatic Assessment

## Winter 2015 Completed Post-Test Surveys

Please return by Monday, March 2

1. Describe 3 specific jobs in education or federal, state, or local government that are commonly held by historians, and how your historical training is relevant to each position.

Secondary Ed: Secondary education involves teaching youth important (according to the state/country) skills in subjects such as history, math, English, etc. Historical training helps by giving extensive knowledge about the subject of history so that one may teach it more effectively.

Academic Librarians: Academic librarians work in libraries at colleges and universities to help people find information, as well as organize and facilitate it. Historical training helps by giving background information on areas of research.

Digital Archivists: Digital archivists establish and control historical records of enduring value. Historical training provides valuable research skills; understanding of historical events; give knowledge of different fields.

2. Describe 2 specific jobs outside of government and education that are commonly held by historians, and how your historical training is relevant to each position.

Journalism: Journalism is the conveying of current events to the public. A BA in history helps by being able to view events in perspective; stay true to facts; give a complete picture; find the connection between an event and its roots; understanding of past historical events that could have affected the current event.

Multimedia: Historians in multimedia disseminate information to an audience through digital archives, web sites, audio, video, television, and cinema. Historical training provides skills in research, writing, and storytelling.



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1. Describe 3 specific jobs in education or federal, state, or local government that are commonly held by historians, and how your historical training is relevant to each position.

1) National parks: My history training has taught me a general overview of American history which would help in being able to answer more specific visitor questions

2) Teaching: My history training is extremely relevant to this because of all my preparations of classroom curriculums in various classes as well as presentations as well as a general knowledge of key historical events.

3) Digital Archivists: A history degree gives me the skills of learning to use Archives and how we digitize them. Especially a history degree from Eastern because you can intern at the Washington State Archives.

2. Describe 2 specific jobs outside of government and education that are commonly held by historians, and how your historical training is relevant to each position.

1) Historical research firm: Classes like this, history 390 and history 490 will prepare me to do intensive research on primary sources and write detailed reports on them.

2) Journalism: History prepares me for journalism in the same way it prepares me for historical research. Because of my degree, I am able to research with credible sources and turn in research by due dates. I am also being trained in the skill of writing through my degree.



Careers Survey

There are many jobs within education and government that a history major will help prepare you for. One of these jobs is a secondary educator, otherwise known as a high school teacher. Being a high school teacher is a very important job because these are the teachers who essentially instruct young students in the basic knowledge that every person should have, and they also serve as very valuable role models for future working citizens. A history major helps in this job primarily if you're aiming to be a secondary history teacher, but it serves not only to prepare you with all of the historical knowledge required to teach young students, but it also helps you to be a more knowledgeable and passionate person in the classroom. This in turn assists in making the students more engaged and excited about learning the subject. Another career in education that a history major is helpful in is as an Academic Librarian. As an academic librarian you would work in academic settings, such as community colleges and universities, and you would interact with people about their information or research needs. Additionally an academic librarian is responsible for organizing access to information. A history major is useful in this career helping you apply research techniques and helping to place information in understandable order. A Federal career that a history major prepares you for is work in the National Parks Service. These people are the ones who set up displays within museums in national parks, interact with tourists, and physically interpret the past. Professionals working in this field can be found in national parks such as Yellowstone or Yosemite, or even Alcatraz. A history major assists you in this career in many ways. One such way is by helping perfect the research skills that are required when working within a National Park. Another way that a history major prepares you for this career is by helping you master visual information, such as maps and charts, which is a key component in working at a National Park.

Along with careers for history majors within education and government, there are many outside of these areas as well. A job that many history majors find themselves drawn to is journalism, which is defined as the sharing of stories through media. A journalist is mainly responsible for providing accurate research for their assignments, and meeting the deadlines of these assignments. A history major is very useful in this career by helping sharpen the tools needed for accurate research as well as helping journalists prepare for interviews with people who are involved in the story. Another career outside of government and education is working in multimedia. Multimedia historians are responsible for organizing some digital archives, setting up websites, and in some cases they also serve as consultants for historic television and cinema productions. This job requires excellent research skills, clear and concise writing that keeps the audience intrigued, and a great storytelling ability, all of which are provided and nurtured throughout the pursuit of a history major.

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① Secondary Ed Teacher

- historical training gives you the necessary documentation skills along with other skills related to the intake and analysis of large amounts of information.

② National Park Service

- aside of the obvious historical relevancy to whatever job you have, historical training also gives an added insight to the broad issues related to whatever park you are working on.

③ Archivist

- historical training gives an archivist the necessary skills and understanding to make archives easy to access and understand.

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① Historical Preservation

- a historical training provides motivation for preservation as well as the ability to discern the historical relevancy of an object/place and how to budget your efforts to where you will be more successful.

② Documentation

- a historical training gives a documentarian the expanded scope so that they can provide views on the involved parties of whatever subject they are making a documentary of.



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1. Describe 3 specific jobs in education or federal, state, or local government that are commonly held by historians, and how your historical training is relevant to each position.

1. secondary education: This career falls into the realm of education and government because public educational institutions are extensions of local, state, and federal governments. Being a history major is extremely helpful for secondary social studies/history educator. It gives you the knowledge to effectively teach the material as well as preparation for the hard work and long hours required of high school teachers.
2. Historians in National Parks: National Parks are part of local, state, and federal governments. A History major is useful because extensive research is expected of park rangers. Being able to create/utilize maps, charts, data is crucial for this career. Historical knowledge of your specific park is helpful as well.
3. Academic Librarians: Work in academic settings, colleges, universities (govt job). Historical research training is crucial because that's a key element of this job. Since they are required to publish to get tenure, a history degree is useful because it prepares you to write professionally and accurately, which is required in order to get published.

2. Describe 2 specific jobs outside of government and education that are commonly held by historians, and how your historical training is relevant to each position.

1. Journalism: Hardly ever a government job. Journalism itself has been influenced and transformed by historical developments, particularly outside the US. A historically trained mind helps journalists to understand such developments. Not to mention being able to research, think critically, and write concisely, effectively, and professionally, all of which training in history will enable one to do.
2. Historian in Multimedia: Usually contracted/employed privately. Historians are good for this job because they are experienced researchers. They can both find and convey accurate/reliable information. They are effective writers and can keep audiences interested in the material. They also know how to tell the story in an entertaining, yet accurate, way to the audience. They know how to interpret history, make it interesting to general audience.



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1. Describe 3 specific jobs in education or federal, state, or local government that are commonly held by historians, and how your historical training is relevant to each position.

1. Teacher: Teacher can teach students the importance of historical events and persons and how to find sources. There is the possibility that history teachers give deeper analysis to students.
2. Librarian: Librarian can give knack how to find sources to students. They know some historical key term, key person and key sources through their own historical training.
3. Digital Archivist: They are able to classify sources according to priority because they know which sources are more important.

2. Describe 2 specific jobs outside of government and education that are commonly held by historians, and how your historical training is relevant to each position.

1. National parks Service: Research skills help them to analyze parks history. Through the training, they are able to show visitors how visual sources (non-written sources) is significant.
2. Journalist: They deal with small histories. However, they need to understand the historical backgrounds. Therefore, their historical knowledge is important. Besides, sometimes they have to introduce the background. Hence, their historical training is needed to research it. They know that secondary sources are helpful to grasp meanings of the background and primary sources through the training.



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As a Secondary school Teacher a background in history makes it easier to teach students successfully, by begin a credible source of information.

In the National Park Service an education in history hones research skills, provides an understanding that history is preserved in many mediums, and helps develop an eye for relevant project information that will draw an audience.

As a Preservationist a historian can work at many levels: city, state or federal government. A history degree provides effective research and planning skills along with an overall understanding and appreciation of history.

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In the ever progressing Multimedia Media field a history background provides research, and writing skills that enable relatable storytelling to get an audience to emotionally connect with the past.

For a Researcher, history edifies practical research, organization and writing skills, and provides an overarching understanding of time periods and experience working with physical and digital archives.



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History teacher - having historical training is obviously important for this position because you need the knowledge to convey it to the students in a fun and interesting way.

State Archivist - Archivists are specially trained in preserving the original material and helping people obtain it. having historical training would be very important for this career because you need an appreciation for history if you want to preserve it. also interpreting and locating artifacts.

National Park Ranger - These guys do many things, but if working with civil war parks, you are definitely working to preserve history. And knowledge of the civil war would be important so you could convey that to the visitors of the park. Also with a history degree you would have prior knowledge of the civil war and the importance of the sites preservation.

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Journalism - your ability to research a subject or write about multiple subjects would benefit from having some historical training. Topics are constantly changing and your ability to research and cover them in detail would depend on your ability to adapt and learn new subjects.

Documentary film makers - not an extremely popular job, but one that would be very fun and exciting. historical training would be useful because many Documentaries are on history and if you are making one then you are probably very fond of the topic. But you need to know every detail in order to make an accurate film.



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Digital Archivist - Being a history major I am able to become very familiar with Archives and their use in research. Primary sources are used in everyday research and being familiar with them will be helpful.

Secondary Teacher - Being a history major would help me connect with the subject material and better explain the material.

Researcher - All of the practice we have done over the years will better prepare us for research in future.

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Journalism - Historians that pursue journalism careers are recording history as it happens that will be crucial for future research on the subject.

Independent Research - All independent research groups whether they are non-profit or not use skills learned in history and conduct research used by all historians.



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History 290

Careers Survey

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1. Describe 3 specific jobs in education or federal, state, or local government that are commonly held by historians, and how your historical training is relevant to each position.

- 1.) National park manager. Being a historian is important because one must be able to read the land and its history, according to records and its geography.
- 2.) History Professor. To be a professor requires a PhD in your field of study and therefore, to know and understand history.
- 3.) Digital archivist. This career requires an extensive knowledge of historical documentation and the ability to determine the credibility of the given documents.

2. Describe 2 specific jobs outside of government and education that are commonly held by historians, and how your historical training is relevant to each position.

- 1.) Historical research analyst. To master history is to be able to analyse history and be able to come to a stable conclusion based on your findings.
- 2.) Journalist. This job requires a deep understanding of politics, history, and the ability to form a logical conclusion of a story based on your findings.



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National Parks - Research skills acquired while studying history is paramount. Visual information is essential to mastering history and when working for national parks.

In some cases you are going to play the part of a historic figure. Knowing all you can about that person will help you better represent them.

Digital Archivist - obtaining research skills to help you in categorizing archives.

Historic Preservation - Helps to refine the techniques needed to conduct effective research and planning. Growing appreciation for history and the preservation of historic sites and documents.

2. Describe 2 specific jobs outside of government and education that are commonly held by historians, and how your historical training is relevant to each position.

Journalism - knowing the historical facts of what you're reporting on will give you and your audience a more fulfilling story.

Multimedia - Research, writing skills and story telling. Finding accurate and reliable information is important to remain relevant.

# **2014-2015 History BA Programmatic Assessment**

## **Spring 2015 Completed Pre-Test Surveys**



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History 290

Careers Survey



1. Describe 3 specific jobs in education or federal, state, or local government that are commonly held by historians, and how your historical training is relevant to each position.

The most obvious ones would be a professor at a university or a history teacher in a high school. Historical training is relevant to both positions because you need to be well versed in history in order to be able to teach it to others. I feel like being a university professor allows you to be more creative and to teach more specific realms from history.

A less obvious one would be working for the government as, for example, a military historian/adviser. You would be able to use your training to advise members of the military.

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Folks who work for the History Channel are historians. They use their training to be able to provide commentary on the shows that air on the History Channel.

Working at a pawn shop, you would not be affiliated with education or the government, but you could use historical training to be able to know everything about the items that people bring in to pawn.



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History Teacher - To teach history to other people

Curator of Documents - To be able to take care & handle historical documents & to make sure nothing happens, & to accreditate the documents' credibility

Docent - A person who may give tours in historical places, and gives the people facts/information about what they're touring.

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Archival work - Knowing the time period & being able to work with historical texts, & accurately know their time periods

Writers: Those who write historical fiction/facts



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Archivist - understanding historical significance to records / understanding governmental vs nongovernmental docs.  
writing description and metadata.

~~Historian~~

Clerk - being able to understand laws and how that affects the world around them

Teacher - understand history

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~~Historian~~

Journalist -