



Research and investigative skills are fully employed to:

- Formulate questions that address particular needs
- Develop plans to answer those questions
- Locate the sources needed
- Determine the validity of the information found
- Organize the information
- Present the results in coherent forms

Historians as researchers are hired as:

- ❖ **Public Historians** who serve as consultants on documentary films, brochures and exhibits at historic sites and museums, involve themselves in historic preservation, and assist businesses or government agencies.
- ❖ **Policy Advisors** who use their knowledge of the past and change over time to help formulate future goals. Policy advisors are hired by government agencies (e.g. Government Printing Office Museum, USDA Soil Conservation Service, US Department of State) and private “think tanks” as planners, evaluators, and policy analysts (e.g. Rand Corporation, Heritage Foundation, Brookings Institution, National Science Foundation, Center for Military History, etc.).
- ❖ **Museums and Historical Organizations Staff** who authenticate museum collections, write publications, conduct program and audience research
- ❖ **Cultural Resource Managers and Historical Preservationists** who organize archeological, historical, or architectural artifacts, sites, and structures. They research maps, illustrations, local government records, local histories, manuscript collections, city directories, oral histories, and newspapers. They are hired by government agencies (e.g. USDA Forest Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, National Park Service, etc).