

# Writers &

# Editors



**Writing and editorial skills are fully employed to write:**

- Scholarly monographs
- Scripts for slide shows and films, and captions for exhibits
- Government agency reports and testimony for legislative hearings
- Articles for mass-market magazines
- Textbooks, historical novels, screenplays, and grant proposals

**Historians as . . .**

- ❖ **Writers** assess their readership, summarize a great deal of information, and learn to make arguments concisely.
- ❖ **Editors** work for scholarly and trade publishers, exhibit strong verbal and organizational skills, negotiate with authors diplomatically, and develop a sense of the market for publishing books.
- ❖ **Journalists** have an ability to use a variety of sources, understand the importance of verifying facts, think and write analytically.
- ❖ **Documentary Editors** locate relevant documents for individuals, groups, etc, determine which documents are relevant, and organize the documents in a logical manner with appropriate annotations.