

Practical Exercise

“When I was at my old school”

Become a historian yourself: Produce a short video clip where you document one or more experiences of your time at your former primary school. Compare your story with the other stories in your class – where do they differ? Where do they bring across a different perspective of your shared experience?

Sequence

1. Collect ideas

- Write down your first ideas when you think of your time in your old school

2. Design of the video

- Write a first script for your video
- Divide your story into individual sequences
- What visual material (still images, ...) and props would you include?
- Where could you record your material?

3. Record the material

- Prepare, rehearse and record the sequences (ideally using a mini-DV camera)

4. Edit the material

- What message do you want to communicate?
- Watch all the material you have filmed.
- What material is important for the message? What material can be left out?
- Which additional elements will you use to support your message?
 - Titles? Subtitles? Additional music*/sounds for the soundtrack?

5. Evaluate and submit your video

- Watch and discuss your video with your class
- Compare your video with the other videos of your class:
 - Where can you detect similarities in your work?
 - Where can you see differences in how you approached / presented your story?
 - Where could you have chosen a different perspective on your story?
- Submit your video clip to us (see web link below)

*Commercial music cannot be used since the clips will be published online

