

YOUR STORY...



Supporting the exhibition *Nueva York (1613-1945)* presented by the New-York Historical Society in collaboration with and on view at El Museo del Barrio

1st PRIZE: \$100 Gift Certificate to Best Buy
3 RUNNER UP PRIZES: \$25 Gift Certificate to Best Buy
*Selected Stories Will Be Added To the *Nueva York (1613-1945)* Exhibition Audio Tour
DEADLINE: JANUARY 9, 2011

Whether you're Latino, Latina, or not, **every New Yorker has a story to tell**, a story that can contribute to a richer understanding of our city and its cultural history. **We want to hear YOUR story.**



TO ENTER THE CONTEST:

Call **646-205-7617** and then dial **0#**. Follow the directions, and leave us a message recounting experiences you've had with or in the Latino community or stories relating to your cultural background. **You may call in with your own story OR become an oral historian and record yourself interviewing a family member** (suggested interview questions on the back). Make sure to leave your name, school name, and phone number in the message.



You are eligible IF...

- a) you attend a **high school** in the New York Metropolitan area
- b) your recorded story is between **1 - 5 minutes** in length

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an oral history contest

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WHAT IS ORAL HISTORY?

Stories that are collected as individual, first-hand experiences make up oral history. When recorded, these materials become resources that historians can later use as primary resources.



WHY IS ORAL HISTORY IMPORTANT?

Every era is eventually summarized into a chapter in a textbook. Yet, sometimes these summaries fail to capture rich, first-hand experiences. Take YOUR part in history! Your story can be used as a primary resource.

Something to think about . . .

Whether you call in to record your own story OR you interview a family member for your recording, here are possible interview questions to get you started:

Do you have any traditions or items that were passed down from previous generations? If so, what is their history or significance?

Do you know your family's immigration story? If so, what is it?

What is the weirdest or most interesting story you have about your family?

Have you ever felt divided between multiple cultural identities? If so, would you like to share the story?

Have you ever felt stereotyped, not welcome, or discriminated against for your cultural heritage or where you come from? If so, would you like to share the story?

What is your neighborhood like?

What place do you feel YOUR culture has in New York City?

NOTE: *If you choose to enter the contest by interviewing a family member, then you and the family member you interview would enter as a team and become eligible for the prize together. Upon request by the winning team, the prizes can be divided in half and awarded to each team member.*

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