



When You Were My Age

Focus/Overview

This lesson focuses on oral history. Oral history reflects the true experience of a people. It affords an opportunity for students to communicate with those who have witnessed the current history of an area. This activity will help history to come alive for your students.

Learning Objective(s)

The learner will:

- Interview a person who lived along Bayou Lafourche
- Orally present their findings
- Publish their work through BTNEP

Louisiana Grade Level Expectations

8:GLE-4	Describe & analyze the distinguishing physical and/or human characteristics of a Louisiana region (G-1B-M1)
8:GLE-7	Explain how or why specific regions are changing as a result of physical phenomena (G-1B-M3)
8:GLE-8	Identify and describe factors that cause a Louisiana region to change (G-1B-M3)
8:GLE-14	Analyze, evaluate, and predict consequences of environmental modifications on Louisiana landforms, natural resources, and plant or animal life (G-1D-M1)
8:GLE-15	Analyze the benefits and challenges of the Louisiana physical environment on its inhabitants (G-1D-M2)
8:GLE-67	Analyze historical data using primary and secondary sources (H-1A-M4)
8:GLE-75	Locate and describe Louisiana's geographic features and examine their impact on people past and present (H-1D-M4).

Materials List

- download When you were my age... booklet

BTNEP Connection

Cultural Heritage

Grade Level

8

Duration

45-minute classes

Subject Area

History, Geography, Language Arts

Extension Areas

Extension area detailed in the activity/lesson.

Vocabulary

- Interviewing

Original Source (if applicable)

- [When You Were My Age... An Oral History Project on Bayou Lafourche](#)
- Cally Chauvin

Background Information

Coastal Louisiana had witnessed dramatic changes in its environment, economy, and population trends in the twentieth century—many of those who have witnessed these changes are still living. This project brings the history of Bayou Lafourche to the students.

Advance Preparation

Copies of When you were my age... booklet at

[http://educators.btnep.org/client_files/editor_files/When%20You%20Were%20My%20Age\(2\).pdf](http://educators.btnep.org/client_files/editor_files/When%20You%20Were%20My%20Age(2).pdf)

- for each student
- Tape recorders (to check out)

Procedure

1. Follow guideline in the Booklet.

Blackline Master(s)

1. When you were my age booklet

Assessment

1. See Criteria Sheet

Tradebooks:

Looper, Robert B. The Cheniere Caminada Story. 2003. Excellent historical information and actual stories of what happened to the people and area before and after the hurricane. The pictures and images provide an in depth look at life during the late 1800's.

Websites/References/Resources:

- ✓ Contact www.btnep.org for poster: Claudette's **For True or What?** Or download individual images by Wallace Fauchaux – historical and factual information about the Barataria–Terrebonne Estuary area.
- ✓ Read the oral history story entitled, "A Bit of History: The Cut Off Canal and the War of 1812," to your class by Roland and Lou Ann Guidry.

