DIY History
Help build the historical record by doing it yourself!

Historians need your help!

Pioneer Lives
19th-century letters & diaries

Start transcribing!

The University of Iowa Libraries

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13 Things For History Lovers To Do Online When They’re Bored

Help out historians by volunteering to transcribe old documents online. Here are some fun projects to work on.

Online Amateurs Feed Their Science and History Addictions

by Keith Magistaff

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These people come alive; you come to share their hopes, their fears, their everyday concerns. You become absorbed in the people, and losing one of them is like losing a relative or a friend.

– Dave Hesketh

thegazette.com/2011/11/26/hands-on-experience-with-civil-war-history
Archives Alive! Lesson plans

- Lesson 1: Explore DIY History
- Lesson 2: Research workshop
- Lesson 3: Draft rhetorical analysis
- Lesson 4: Draft historical analysis
- Lesson 5: Screencast workshop
- Lesson 6: Presentation workshop
- Lesson 7: Student presentations
- Lesson 8: Reflection & uploading content

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digital humanities scholarship

uncomfortable, but not paralyzed
– Jeffrey McClurken

mcclurken.blogspot.com/2008/01/uncomfortable-but-not-paralyzed.html
I have never experienced history first-hand like I did transcribing the letter. Reading the letters and finding the old pictures and newspaper clippings that went with them was exciting. I think we kind of forget that history is made up of real people sometimes.

– Kelsey Shrier
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