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EDUCATORS REFLECTION ON ORAL INTERVIEWS

It was exciting, nerve racking and it definitely kept us on our toes. We as a team has learned some valuable lessons along the way. Not only did we meet new, extraordinary people, we were also allowed to peak into their daily lives to see what made them so unique.

My learners were taught how to enhance their communications skills, to listen closely when someone speaks and to make short notes to reflect afterwards when they had to write their essays. For the first time in their lives "HISTORY" was not another boring subject being taught, but an exciting subject that came "ALIVE" and kept the adrenalin pumping. In the process they learned some valuable research skills and they were also taught how to compile their own historical knowledge.

Our biggest problem in our townships today is accessibility. It is very difficult to do research at a library that is not well equipped with information. Lack of access to the Internet was another problem that we encountered.

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Despite these obstacles, we persevered. I cannot praise these learners enough. They were nervous, felt unsure of what was expected of them, yet they gave their best. For that I am very proud about each one's achievements.

For the school, the principal, Mr. Hickley, my HOD, Geraldine Adriaanse, the IT people, Mr. J Adonis and Mr. E Raymond for believing in us, supporting us, encouraging and motivating us when the going got tough, TEAMWORK has taken on a whole new meaning.

Last but not least. To Geraldine Kirchner, Subject Advisor of History, who went the extra mile, thank you for believing in us and being our pillar of strength in needy times.

This was definitely an experience of a life time, one that will be remembered for a long time to come.