

**U.S. Latino & Latina WWII Oral History Project
Interviewer Training Manual**

Suggested Readings

(This is a partial list. Please help us by adding books, articles or videos on World War II or U.S. Latinos and Latinas. Recommendations below are from volunteers.)

On World War II

HISTORY OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, by Liddell B. Hart
(Publisher: Cassell, 1970)

WITNESS TO HISTORY, 1929-1969(Chapters 4-11), by Charles E. Bohlen (Publisher
W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 1973)

CRUSADE IN EUROPE by D.D. Eisenhower (Publisher: Heinemann, 1948)

A SOLDIER'S STORY by Omar N. Bradley (Rand McNally & Company, 1951. Also
available in paperback under Modern Library publisher, 1999.)

PATTON: Ordeal and Triumph by Ladislav Farago (Dell Publishing Co., Inc., 1963)

AMERICAN CAESAR: Douglas MacArthur, 1880-1964 by William Manchester (Dell
Publishing Co., Inc., 1978)

COMBAT: Pacific Theater, World War II (Dell Publishing Co., Inc., 1958)

THE SILENT SERVICE by William C. Chambliss (A Signet Book, 1959)

HEROES OF WWII by Edward F. Murphy (Ballantine Books, 1990)

DOUBLE VICTORY: A MULTICULTURAL HISTORY OF AMERICAN IN WWII by
Ronald Takaki (Little, Brown and Company, 2000)

WORLD WAR II by Loyd E. Lee (Greenwood Press, Westport, Conn., 1999)

This is an excellent primer for background and understanding of the War. There is liberal interpretation of certain events, but at least Lee's interpretations are clearly interpretations and provide some context. (Annotation by Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez)

READER'S DIGEST ILLUSTRATED STORY OF WORLD WAR II—(Reader's Digest
Association, 1969). This is another good reference book. There are some

historical disagreements with other accounts, but again, there is the matter of interpretation. Great photographs. (Annotation by Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez)

AMERICAN HERITAGE PICTURE HISTORY OF WORLD WAR II—By C.L. Sulzberger (Crown Publishers Inc., 1966) – A 1990 edition also, that was edited by Stephen Ambrose. Yet another good reference. And some excellent photographs, including some in color. (Annotation by Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez)

THE WORLD WARS THROUGH THE FEMALE GAZE – By Jean Gallagher. (Carbondale : Southern Illinois University Press, c1998).

THE "GOOD WAR": AN ORAL HISTORY OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR -- By Studs Terkel, (New York : Pantheon Books, c1984).

WAR WITHOUT MERCY: RACE AND POWER IN THE PACIFIC WAR – By John W. Dower. (New York : Pantheon Books, 1986.)

THE MANHATTAN PROJECT: A DOCUMENTARY INTRODUCTION TO THE ATOMIC AGE – By Michael B. Stoff et al., eds., (Philadelphia : Temple University Press, c1991.)

D-DAY, JUNE 6, 1944: THE CLIMACTIC BATTLE OF WORLD WAR II – By Stephen E. Ambrose, (New York : Simon & Schuster, 1994.)

ROSIE THE RIVETER REVISITED By Sherna Berger Gluck (Boston: Twayne, 1987.)

On U.S. Latinos and Latinas

ARE WE GOOD NEIGHBORS? By Alfonso S. Perales (Publisher Artes Graficas, San Antonio, 1948)

This book includes testimony by several people about the discrimination in Texas before and in the years after the war. It's a good eye-opener about the anger in the middle and late 1940s about the racial climate of the times.

AMONG THE VALIANT: MEXICAN-AMERICANS IN WW II AND KOREA

By Raul Morin (Borden Publishing Co., Alhambra, Ca., 1963)

This is an indication of the long-time frustration by some U.S. Latinos about the lack of recognition and appreciation of Latino military contributions of the war.

Morin used newspaper articles and interviews to tell the stories of Mexican Americans who distinguished themselves in key World War II battles.

ANGLOS AND MEXICANS IN THE MAKING OF TEXAS, 1836-1986 By David Montejano (University of Texas Press, Austin, 1987) This is an excellent reference for Mexican Americans in Texas. Particularly Chapter 12, and its introduction (pages 257-287) will provide a good grounding in life before and after the war.