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The goal of this thesis was to conduct oral history interviews with African American alumni of Ball State University to record their life experiences and create a documentary film that expressed their thoughts and values. Conducting oral history interviews is a time intensive process both before the interview with regards to research and post interview with regards to transcription. Creating a documentary based on oral history interviews presents a challenge due to its sheer size and complexity. In the end the oral history interviews I conducted, and the resulting documentary I made, were meant to open the door for future historians to more easily be able to include the African American community in future histories by offering credible primary sources.

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