

Mini-Lab #1 – Digital History

For your first mini-lab, spend some quality time examining a virtual exhibit mounted by the Chicago Historical Society about an unusual piece of clothing in their collection. Then use the questions below as writing prompts to construct a 2-3 page paper about the “Wet With Blood” website. You might not use every question in your paper. The site is at: <http://chicagohistory.org/wetwithblood/>

What is it? - Describe this website in a few sentences, as if you were reviewing it for your fellow students.

Technical details - What browser did you use to look at the site?

Begin by navigating through the prologue.

What order did you navigate through the rest of the site? (number 1-2-3-4)

- ___ Bloody Evidence
- ___ Return to Scene of Crime
- ___ Investigation by Private Eyes
- ___ Other Areas of the Website

Did you experience any technical problems with this website? If so, what?

Content - What were some of the findings or accounts you found most intriguing/ interesting/ compelling?

As a research tool - What other websites did you consult while using “Wet With Blood”? i.e. did you have questions about the information that you tried to answer by going elsewhere on the web at the same time?

How does an online exhibit like this one differ from a conventional historical narrative?
Does it “tell” history in a fundamentally different way, or not?

Do you still have unanswered questions about this event? What are they?

Due in class on Thursday 1/21

Paper mechanics: 2-3 pages, double spaced. Give it a title. Include page numbers. Provide a citation or footnote for any quotation from the website.