**Unchained Memories Questions**

1. When were the Slave Narratives collected?
2. What are the Slave Narratives?
3. Why did the Library of Congress send people out to record them?
4. What is the impact of hearing 1st hand accounts (“verbatim”) without correcting grammar or pronunciation?
5. Describe a narrative that really stuck out to you:
6. What surprised you about the narratives or was something you did not know about?
7. What was similar about the narratives?
8. What were some differences in the narratives?
9. What was life like for enslaved children?
10. What did the narratives tell you about family life?
11. What was the role of “community” and religion in slavery?
12. The U.S. Federal Government paid people to interview the former slaves. Was this a valuable use of taxpayers’ money?
13. What is the ROLE of the government in preserving history?
14. We have studied oral history with the Native Americans as well as now with slavery. What is oral history and why is it valuable?
15. If you had the opportunity to speak with someone who had survived slavery, what questions would you ask?