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## **Teaching Addiction/Treatment/Recovery History: Rationale, Methods and Resources**

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### **Abstract**

History can be an empowering tool in the education of those working in addiction-related occupations. This article explores the importance of the historical perspective in addiction studies, outlines principles to guide the presentation of historical data, and reviews some of the best resources that can be used to present historical material in a comprehensive, objective, and engaging manner.