Getting started on Historypin

1. Create a Gmail account

To use Historypin you need a Gmail address. (or an email address based on Google mail). Remember to choose or create one that you are happy to share with colleagues.

2. Create and customise your Profile

- Login to Historypin with your Gmail account.
- Enter in all your info - don't forget to identify yourself as a library, archive or museum.
- Customise your Profile with your logo, a background, a banner and a colour scheme.
- To set the map view people will see when they land on your Profile, position the map and click 'save as default map view'.

For inspiration, have a look at our Featured Profiles: **http://www.historypin.com/Profiles/**

3. Prepare your content

Image size

We recommend that images are 2MPX (1920x1200 pixels).

We compress and re-size images for display on web and mobile interfaces to protect images and quicken loading times. We use 600x400 pixel images by default and don't show any images bigger than 1000px in any direction.

The higher the quality of image the better - this means that your image will look good after compression, on high resolution displays and will benefit when we introduce zoom functionality.

Licensing

You can choose from a variety of licenses, including any of the Creative Commons licenses.

Read more about CC licenses here: **http://creativecommons.org/licenses/**

Metadata

To appear on the map, all content must have a date and location. These can be approximate.

Video and audio

Video and audio must be uploaded to YouTube first. You can then use our upload interface (once logged in, click 'pin' on the top right or from your Profile, then choose video or audio as described in "One by one" below) to link the YouTube video and the corresponding metadata to Historypin.

4. Upload content

One by one

From your Profile, click 'pin' to upload photos, videos or audio clips.

Bulk Uploader

If you have a large number of items, you may wish to use our Bulk Uploader which will allow you to upload hundreds of images and their metadata in one go. If you have latitude and longitudinal data, these will be pinned to the map. Please note that overlaying images on Street View has to be done manually.

Find out more about the Bulk Uploader: **www.historypin.com/bulkbridge/**

5. Curate Collections and Tours

Once you have pinned some material, you can use the Collection and Tour builders to start curating material in compelling ways.

6. Embed your Profile

To embed your Profile on your own website:

- Click 'Profile and Account settings' on the top right
- Select 'Link with my site'
- Choose what parts of your Profile (Map, List View, Collections and Tours) you wish to upload
- Copy and paste the html code into your webpage

Note: You can generate multiple embeds, showing different parts of your Profile, which exist on different web pages.

Resources

Bulk Uploader instructions and metadata template: **http://www.historypin.com/bulkbridge/**

How To Guides & Videos: **http://www.historypin.com/community/howtos**

FAQs: **www.historypin.com/faq**