

Section 6: Documentary

Content Area: **21st Century Life & Careers**
Course(s): **TV Media II**
Time Period: **Semester 2**
Length: **8 weeks**
Status: **Published**

Unit Introduction

DOCUMENTARY is a genre of film that appears to be a nonfictional motion picture intended to document some aspect of reality, primarily for the purposes of instructing, informing or maintaining a historical record. Students will gain an understanding of documentary film and learn about the process of creating effective and engaging documentary films.

Standards

Essential Questions

What is a documentary?

How do you activate prior experience with documentaries?

What programs fall into the genre of "documentary"?

What kinds of people are usually the target audiences for documentaries?

What kinds of documentaries are not boring for children and young people? Why?

How do documentaries creatively interpret actuality?

How do documentaries exist in the gray area between art and journalism?

How do documentaries present socially useful information to the public?

How do documentaries make drama from life?

Content / Skills

Students will be able choose topics or subjects that you as the filmmaker are passionate about,

Students will be able to research topics or subjects and present balanced presentations.

Students will access prior knowledge and experience when producing documentaries.

Students will create stories within documentaries that will engage the target audience.

