



ASSIGNMENT: You will create a short video documentary about the Holocaust. Your final product should be 2-4 minutes long. You will submit, for a grade, your script, your storyboard, and the final product.

HOW TO CREATE A DOCUMENTARY:

STEP 1-

Ask yourself: What is the goal of your documentary? What do you want to tell the world more about? The Holocaust is a broad topic — try to narrow it down to something that you find interesting (this topic cannot be the same as the one chosen for your poster).

STEP 2-

Research, Research, Research! Learn everything you can about your topic. Become the world's leading expert on your topic. It will be painfully obvious in your video if you don't know anything about it, and your video will be boring if you don't learn enough about it to tell us things we don't already know.

STEP 3-

Watch some documentaries. Analyze the genre as a whole. What do most documentaries have in common? What can you "get away with" making different? What is the narrative structure of a documentary?

STEP 4-

Brainstorm. Think about where you will film. Think about who or what you will film.

STEP 5-

Script your story idea. You must write down, word for word, what you are going to include in your film. You must use your *own* voice for any narration/voice-overs.

STEP 6-

Draw a storyboard. This is where you plan everything that you are going to film. Every shot of your documentary needs to be included in your storyboard.

STEP 7-

Create a film schedule. Where and when are you going to film each scene?

STEP 8-

Film. This is the fun part! Be as creative with your cinematography as you know how to be!

STEP 9-

Edit. Piece your video together. Make sure that it is easy to follow and that it flows nicely. Include any music that will help set the mood.

To turn in this project, you can either upload it to youtube and email the link to Mrs. King, or turn it in on a flash drive (formatting as a .mp4 or .mov).

AS ALWAYS. PLEASE HANDLE THIS TOPIC WITH RESPECT.