Documentary

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Each research group will create a documentary film (about 3-5 minutes in length) on some important issue raised in the book you have been assigned to read this quarter. The issue you select to focus on will probably be some supporting point that the author of the book raises. (Don't try to cover the entire book in your documentary.)

The documentary should have a persuasive purpose that motivates the story that it tells.

This persuasive purpose can take a variety of forms. Perhaps your documentary could try to persuade viewers that the issue you focus on is particularly relevant for people today. Perhaps it could argue that the issue is more important or influential than people generally think. Perhaps it could make the case that we should regard some particular aspect of the problem you focus on as pivotal and colors the rest of the way that we look at the issues raised by your book. Maybe it could be an argument about the book itself and its approach to relating its topic to readers. Don't think of your project as one that merely conveys information to your viewers. Think of your video as having a persuasive purpose.

You will make your film as an iMovie or other movie-making software file. If you decide to include YouTube clips or other video, make sure that those clips together do not comprise more than 1 minute of the total film.

Although this project relies heavily on information you are getting from other sources, I would like your group's personal stamp to be evident. Your own work and thinking on the material as well as your choices of music, images, metaphors, etc. will add interesting emotional depth and contribute to the originality and creativity of the film. Review carefully the rubric – check out all of the categories that will be evaluated.

StoryBoarding Template -- Use this PowerPoint template to help you plan and organize your documentary.

Documentary rubric

Points 3

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