



FILM & MEDIA STUDY GUIDE

CYCLE 2

Essential Questions: How is a documentary film similar and different from news media? Why do people make documentary films? What makes an effective documentary film?

Checklist:

- _____ 1. Choose to work either by yourself or in a group (groups cannot have more than 4 people).
- _____ 2. Choose a BIG IDEA about which to make a documentary film.
- _____ 3. Storyboard your documentary. Storyboards should be complete by December 14th.
- _____ 4. Film your documentary. You will only have 2-3 class periods to film at school. MOST of your filming will need to be done outside of school hours. You can use any recording device to film your documentary (digital camera, video camera, iPad, phone, etc.).
- _____ 5. Edit your documentary using Movie Maker, following the requirements that will be provided by Ms. Lisa. Note: All films **MUST** be made with Movie Maker!
- _____ 6. Save your documentary as a finished movie. Do NOT simply "save project". Once you are finished editing, you need to "save movie". Finished documentaries must be saved to a flash and submitted to Ms. Lisa on **JANUARY 13TH**!