

Documentary Video Analysis Worksheet

Name _____

Step 1. Pre-viewing (Do not worry if you have already viewed the documentary; answer the questions to the best of your ability before watching.)

Title of Documentary:

Date Released:

Principle documentary maker(s)

What do you think you will see in this documentary? List three concepts or ideas that you might expect to see based on the title of the documentary or list what you already know about this documentary:

1.

2.

3.

Step 2. Viewing

Type of documentary (check where applicable):

_____ Advocacy for social concerns

_____ Biography

_____ Career Profile

_____ Community History

_____ Research/Factual

_____ Investigative

_____ News/Special Events

Physical qualities of the film: Describe all that apply.

Music

Live action

Narration/voice Over:

Interviews (Who did the filmmaker interview and for what purpose?)

Step 3. Post-viewing (or repeated viewing)

What items that you listed in the previewing activity were validated by your viewing of the documentary?

What is/are the central message(s) of this documentary? Be specific. Use examples from the documentary to support your choice.

Consider the effectiveness of the film in communicating its message. As a tool of communication, what are its strengths and weaknesses?

How does the film make you feel?