

Documentary Assignment

1. Select a documentary to study from the list below or choose one of your liking. (If you choose one not on the list, you MUST get approval from Ms. Coffin or Mr. Kovach.)
2. Watch the documentary with a critical eye.
 - a. Determine how the documentarian/s use visuals **and** audio to appeal to the audience and achieve a goal.
 - i. Visual: colors, people, animals, scene blocking, close-ups, long shots, etc.
 - ii. Audio: the musical selections, sounds of nature, bustling cities, other sounds
 - b. Examine the use of:
 - i. Statistics.
 - ii. Personal anecdotes and testimony.
 - iii. Expert testimony.
 - c. Examine other rhetorical choices made by the documentarian/s.
3. Determine the documentary's main claim
4. Determine whether the documentary achieves its overall purpose.
5. Select a 1-3 minute clip you find especially claim-driven and explain why it is significant.
6. Present your analysis in a clearly organized Google slide deck (6 total - 5 slides plus a title slide).

Documentary Choices: You may go to www.imdb.com to watch trailers and find out where you may view each documentary. Links below where possible.

- Super Size Me (2004) free - *While examining the influence of the fast food industry, Morgan Spurlock personally explores the consequences on his health of a diet of solely McDonald's food for one month.* YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKQGA8gtBA&t=1493s>
- Chasing Coral (2017) free - *A team of divers, photographers and scientists set out on a thrilling adventure to document the disappearance of the world's **coral** reefs.* "YouTube Netflix Channel" <https://youtu.be/aGGBGcjdjXA>
- 13th (2016) free - *Filmmaker Ava DuVernay explores the history of racial inequality in the United States, focusing on the fact that the nation's prisons are disproportionately filled with African-Americans.* "YouTube Netflix Channel" <https://youtu.be/krfcq5pF8u8>
- Happy (2011) - free - *About happiness, how it can be achieved, and the patterns of it shown in the happiest places in the world* free - Tubi https://tubitv.com/movies/157792/happy?utm_source=google-feed&tracking=google-feed
- Blackfish (2013) - *Follows the controversial captivity of orcas and its dangers for both humans and the whales* - Netflix
- Iris (2014) - *About a fashion icon who has refused to be ordinary* - HULU

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- The True Cost (2015) - free - Tubi *An eye-opening journey that shows the human and environmental cost of clothing, from the most influential runways to the most impoverished slums.*
https://tubitv.com/movies/500119/the_true_cost?utm_source=google-feed&tracking=google-feed
- Hoop Dreams (1994) *follows the story of two African-American high school students in Chicago and their **dream** of becoming professional basketball players.* HULU, HBO Now
- The Great Hack (2019) *Explores how a data company named Cambridge Analytica came to symbolize the dark side of social media in the wake of the 2016 U.S. presidential election.* Netflix
- Food, Inc, (2008) - *examines how mammoth corporations have taken over all aspects of the food chain in the United States, from the farms where our food is grown to the chain restaurants and supermarkets where it's sold.* HULU, Sling