

Unit 4 Capstone: Documentary Film Project

Purpose:

To work together as a team to develop an film that make a specific argument and integrates multiple modalities effectively.

Topic:

In Unit 3 your group selected a topic based upon one of these issues:

1. Identity
2. Community
3. The American Dream

For this project, you will use the research you found from the library, along with filmed interviews you will conduct and survey data you might collect to develop a documentary film that makes an argument about your topic.

A Closer Look:

This documentary should be written, filmed and edited by members of your group. The final product should be a 5-8 minute film, which you can present via Youtube or via DVD/CD.

The film should make purposeful use of video, images, written prose, spoken word and music to set a tone, establish ethos, and develop an argument. It should provide specific support and evidence.

To prepare for the final product, you will submit the following two documents via email; each should be accompanied by a cover letter that will be written in the body of the email:

- **Proposal:** this document will propose your film to me and argue for why it should be made. It will provide a timeline, assign roles to your group members and discuss the resources you will need to succeed on the project.
- **Script:** You will construct a documentary script that will provide detail about the how the visual and verbal will interact to make your argument.