

List documentaries you have seen...

- A Day in the Life Of
- Fifth Estate Episodes
- Who Killed the Electric Car
- Supersize Me
- The War on Kids
- The King of Kong (a Fist full of Quarters)
- March of the Penguins
- An Inconvenient Truth
- The Climate Change Calamity
- Sicko
- Food Inc.
- Ghost Children/Children of the Night
- The Most Hated Family in America
- Jesus Camp (5 ppl)
- Beyond the Mat
- Reporter
- 60 Minutes
- The Cove (2)
- Hiroshima
- This is my Home
- John Wayne Gacy & other serial kiler docs
- Into the Wild
- The Nature of Things
- Exit Through the Gift Shop
- It Might Get Loud
- Murder on a Sunday Morning
- National Geographic
- _Never Say Never
- The Corporation
- The Enemies of Reason
- Hells Angel
- Tapped
- Games wipe

What distinguishes a documentary from other forms of non-fiction?

- has a narrative (person on the outside looking in and analysing the issue)
- has a message/lesson/moral...purpose is to spread awareness
- may have a "call for action"
- digs deeper into one issue, rather than simply giving the broad facts
- more personal; emotional
- may contain bias, but tries to acknowledge the opposing argument

What types of documentaries are least interesting to you...

- "social issues"

- politics

- history/issues that NOT current

- animals

- environment

- comedic documentaries

What is the best documentary you have seen?

- Jesus Camp b/c were surprised about the subject matter
- Trouble in the Water b/c nice to see the humanity and human connections
- A Day in the Life Of b/c nice to see the humanity/ compare ourselves to others
- The War on Kids b/c makes a powerful argument
- Nazi Hunters b/c is surprising
- Food Inc. b/c is a big issue that a lot of people can relate to & graphic

Why are we becoming more interested in non-fiction "reality" TV and films?

-easier to create non-fiction now

-real and relatable

-shock-value is greater when the situation is real

What do you hope to gain about a class about documentary films?