

DOCUMENTARY

VICO 421/521

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Short Term Documentary 2005

Assignment

|1| Produce a short-term documentary project.

Assignment objective

|1| Develop an understanding of a scientific approach to documentary photography.

Assignment expectations and parameters

- |1| Develop a question or problem you want to explore.
- |2| Develop a hypothesis about the issue, then form it into a statement that you will attempt to prove or disprove
- |3| Write out the method you will follow in proving or disproving your hypothesis. Be as specific as possible. List all interview questions you plan to use.
- |4| Turn in a printed version during class and place a copy on my serve. Once approved, this will be your road map for the project. You will be expected to follow it.
- |5| Be prepared to present and talk about your project in class.
- |6| You will have roughly a week to shoot and a week to put the project together.

Final Turn In (I recommend using this as a check off sheet):

PRINTED:

- |1| a printed copy of your original proposal
- |2| a printed document that details your project and your findings. Be as thorough as possible.
- |3| a printed self evaluation — touch on the eight points that your classmates will use when grading you (Research, Images, Effort, Final Visual Presentation, Final Presentation to Committee, Overall Grade as well as comment on what was successful and what could be improved. Be sure to expand on anything you would like me to know.
- |4| any related or relevant material

ON A DVD:

- |5| create two folders in it:
 - (A) One folder should be named “(lastname)_project1” and contain your final show.
 - (B) Second folder should be named “(lastname)_materials1” and contains:
 - an electronic copy of your original proposal
 - an electronic copy of your project findings
 - an electronic copy of self evaluation
 - any additional supporting materials
 - a folder of your ALL photos shot resized to 72 dpi (use a batch process for this part)
 - a folder of your final images WITH CAPTIONS at 300dpi with the longest side measuring 10 in.
 - if you project is multimedia project, please include the collected assets/editing(audio or video)
 - if you project is multimedia project, the application to run your final show (if applicable)
 - if your final presentation is 3 dimensional- such as book, please photograph your final presentation and/or create a PDF and turn that in with the rest of your materials.
- These may be used to show future classes your work.

ON THE SERVER:

- |6| On the server, place a folder with a copy of: — your proposal, —your findings, —your final project, —your self evaluation

Assignment deadline

Due at start of class on Monday, April 16. Be prepared to present your findings in class. Missing this deadline will affect your grade. For turn in: please use a large envelope for everything.

These are the minimum requirements. You are free to add more and to build a final presentation that best displays your findings. I will be keeping the DVD, so please burn backups for yourself.