

## Documentary Project

Assignment: Create a Documentary on a small topic of your choosing. Sign up for one of the pre-approved topics or see me for approval of a topic of your own choosing.

**Minimum Requirements:** You will submit for grade your: Story Board, Script, and Finished Product. Your video must be a *minimum* of two (2) minutes long (not including your citations or ‘end credits’) and no longer than four (4) minutes. It must include a Chicago Manual of Style formatted bibliography at the very end in the form of ‘credits.’ For content, you must include *at least* two (2) book sources and one (1) academic journal. You may use websites for content but you must complete a “Source Evaluation Sheet” for each one.

Tuesday, October 1

- Meet in Bridge Room of Library
  - Sign up for topic
- Create a folder in your Google Drive for you to store your materials – images, video, audio clips, documents, etc.
  - This will allow you to access content at school and at home
- Begin to research your project
- Begin to locate images and other media for your project
  - You may use library resources (information from books and articles)
  - You may not use copyrighted material without prior written authorization
    - This includes images, music, and all other forms of media
  - If you need help finding license free content check out this article:  
<http://indianajen.com/2013/04/15/how-to-find-license-free-content-for-school-project/>
  - Make sure that you ***cite all*** your sources
    - You must cite the actual source of your image, not simply Google Images (in Chicago Manual of Style)

Thursday, October 3

- Meet in Bridge Room of Library
  - Continue research and to gather resources for your project
  - Begin to put together the storyboard (I highly recommend using Google Drive Presentation, PowerPoint, or Keynote to make your storyboard).
    - If you need a refresher on storyboards, check out this article:  
<http://indianajen.com/2011/06/23/the-learning-institute-project-day-2-digital-storytelling/>

Friday, October 4

- Meet in Bridge Room of Library
  - Storyboard due at the beginning of class!
  - Submit Digitally via Google Drive in shared folder.
    - ***Must*** be titled “Last Name – Storyboard”
      - *50% grade penalty for incorrect title!*

- Source Evaluation Sheets Due at the beginning of class!
  - Hard Copies
- Begin to Write the script that you will use for narration

Monday, October 7

- Meet in Bridge Room of Library
  - Script due in the beginning of class!
    - Submit digitally via Google Drive in shared folder
    - **Must** be titled: “Last Name – Script”
      - *50% grade penalty for incorrect title!*
- Begin to Record your project
  - MovieMaker is available on the laptops on the bridge. You may also use your own hardware (but it will not be connected to the internet)
    - Suggested software: iMovie, JayCut (free online), YouTube Editor (free online), Microsoft Photostory (free), Adobe Premiere, Windows Movie Maker (free),
  - Make sure that you cite your sources (where you obtained your information as well as all content at the end)
    - Citation must be in Chicago Manual of Style format and included in the video

Tuesday, October 8

- Meet Bridge Room of Library
- Finalize the movie project and upload onto your Google Drive Folder
  - ***Make sure the video’s visibility is set to “Ransom Everglades School”***
    - *Click on “Share” then under access change settings*
- On the class blog (<http://blogs.ransomeverglades.org>), post your final project
  - Blogs → New Post
    - Include your Project Title and your full name in the Title
    - You must *embed* the video (**not** post a link)
    - On the text portion of the your post, click on the html tab, and paste the embed code
      - To get embed code, open the file in Google Drive → File → Embed Code
  - Be sure to put your last name in “tags” and “Revolutionary War” as the Category
  - ***Double check that it appears as an embedded video!! A simple link will lose points!***

Thursday, October 10

- Come to class prepared to show your video

### **Troubleshooting Suggestions & Help**

- Don’t wait til the last minute!
- Try to solve your problem using a variety of tools

- Google your problem
- Search “How To’s” on YouTube
- Read the instructions of the software that you’re using – they all have a “Help” section or a “How To”
- Ask a classmate or a parent for help
- Ask Ms. Carey in person via email, or ask to iChat or Skype (scheduled)
  - Make sure that you have tried the previous steps *first* – it will be the first place I direct you.
- Play around with the software casually.
- Check out some Great “How To Digital Storytelling Sites”
  - ISTE Ignite Presentation Digital Storytelling:  
<http://indianajen.com/2013/06/24/iste-ignite-presentation-digital-storytelling/>
  - Ms. Carey’s Digital Storytelling: <http://indianajen.com/2011/06/23/the-learning-institute-project-day-2-digital-storytelling/>
  - University of Houston – Educational Uses of Digital Storytelling:  
<http://digitalstorytelling.coe.uh.edu/index.html>
  - How to Create Simple Digital Stories:  
<http://electronicportfolios.com/digistory/howto.html>