

Documentary Assignment

This semester, students will watch ONE documentary to write a reflection over. Students can choose from this list and the reflection will be due at the end of Week 3, OR students can choose from a different list later in the semester to be due in Week 11. Students will NOT be choosing from both lists - only one. If you choose to do this assignment, you won't complete the other - and vice versa.

Instructions:

1. Choose ONE documentary from the list below to watch. Some are available through the PBS website, and some will require you to use the college library to access (using your college login). Make sure you know how to access the documentary in advance, because Professor Donawho may not be available to assist the day/night before your assignment is due.

[The Vote](#) (PBS)

[The Poison Squad](#) (PBS)

[The Forgotten Plague](#) (Library: Films On Demand)

[The Black Press: Soldiers Without Swords](#) (Library: Films On Demand)

2. After watching the documentary, answer the reflection questions below.

- What is one thing from the documentary that confirmed an understanding that you had about this topic as it relates to this time period and/or as it relates to how this topic is perceived today?
- What is one thing you learned in the documentary that challenged an understanding you had about this topic as it relates to this time period and/or as it relates to how this topic is perceived today?
- Provide at least one specific connection between an event, trend, argument, or circumstance in the documentary that connects with or would have a significant impact on someone from your outside reading book. Be sure to explain how this connection is specifically similar (beyond just simple categories of oppression, race, gender etc.).

Answers must be **specific** and provide **evidence and/or examples**. These should come from your notes, the documentary (especially where asked), or scholarly sources that are **cited** (citation style does not matter).

Submissions must be in PDF or Word format.

Documentary Assignment Rubric

Criteria	Ratings		Points
<p>Q1 What is one thing from the documentary that confirmed an understanding that you had about this topic as it relates to this time period and/or as it relates to how this topic is perceived today?</p>	<p>10 to >6.0 pts Full Marks Response answers the question and provides specific details/evidence to support confirmed understanding.</p>	<p>6 to >0 pts Partial Marks Response answers the question, but may provide little or no specific details.</p>	10pts
<p>Q2 What is one thing you learned in the documentary that challenged an understanding you had about this topic as it relates to this time period and/or as it relates to how this topic is perceived today?</p>	<p>10 to >6.0 pts Full Marks Response answers the question and provides specific details/evidence to support confirmed understanding.</p>	<p>6 to >0 pts No Marks Response answers the question, but may provide little or no specific details.</p>	10pts
<p>Q3 Provide at least one specific connection between an event, trend, argument, or circumstance in the documentary that connects with or would have a significant impact on someone from your outside reading book. Be sure to explain how this connection is specifically similar (beyond just simple categories of oppression, race, gender etc.).</p>	<p>20 to >6.0 pts Full Marks Response answers the question and provides specific details/evidence to support confirmed understanding.</p>	<p>12 to >0 pts No Marks Response answers the question, but may provide little or no specific details.</p>	20pts