

Checklist for Documentaries Entries

Rules/Guidelines

- Documentary does not exceed 10 minutes
- Documentary contains credits at the end
- Documentary is either on a DVD or a computer and projection system that I can bring to the competition

Historical Quality

- My topic fits the theme Debate and Diplomacy: Successes, Failures, Consequences
- My topic has historical significance
- My documentary answers the “So What?” question.
- I have provided interpretation of source information
- I have checked all my information for accuracy
- I have a thesis statement that is communicated through the documentary
- My documentary supports my thesis statement

Documentary Quality

- I have watched at least 5 documentaries (at least 3 should be historical) to get a sense of how a documentary is put together
- My narration is clear and understandable
- My on-screen images clearly relate to the subject I am talking about.
- The transitions between images or to videos is seamless
- All of my images are clear and are on screen long enough to make their point

Proofreading/Editing

- I had at least one other person proofread my on-screen captions and process paper
- My process paper is 500 words or less
- I ran spell-check and looked for errors that spell-check did not catch
- My words and phrases are clear in my process paper

Bibliography

- My bibliography is separated into primary and secondary sources
- 2/3 of my sources are primary and 1/3 of my sources are secondary
- I named & saved my bibliography as: **BIB_MYFIRSTNAME_MYLASTNAME**
- Each source has at least a two-sentence annotation
- My annotations describe how my sources influenced my project
- All of my entries have a hanging indent
- My bibliography has consistent formatting

Submission/Registration

- I emailed a copy of my process paper and bibliography by the deadline for the competition to mgately@azhs.gov and will bring 3 copies of each with me to the competition
- My teacher and I registered online at www.az.nhd.org

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