**Making a Documentary**

**Step #1: Brainstorm and Sell Concept**

1. Write down some ideas of things in your life that you could document on film:

2. Choose one of the ideas and write it down. Get it approved by Neman.

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*Answer the following questions to the best of your ability as of right now...Any documentary filmmaker will tell you that their documentary often changes as they film and learn about their subject.*

3. What genre is this documentary? Explain why.

a. Explorative b. Interrogative c. Persuasive

d. Social e. Politcial f. Historical

g. Anthropological

4. Will this documentary be educational, inspirational, or entertaining? Explain.

5. Will this documentary be a drama, comedy, mystery, suspense, or other? Explain.

6. Briefly describe the story of your documentary...Every documentary as some kind of storyline...What’s yours?

7. Pitch your film in 7 words...In other words, describe it to us but leave us wondering too!

8. Now you will need to create a teaser trailer for your documentary. This will be a 2 minute preview of the documentary you’ll be producing. Here’s what your trailer needs to have:

* the title of your documentary;
* the director (which is YOU!);
* at least 5 video clips of your documentary you’ll use;
* a captivating, intriguing style that sells your documentary;
* a clear explanation of the story of your documentary but still has mystery and wonder;
* music that is thrilling yet fits your documentary perfectly;
* a slogan or tagline that the audience will remember and be interested by;
* You can use MovieMaker, iMovie, WeVideo, animoto, other?
* You will present these to the class. Along with showing the trailer, you’ll also present a more detailed description of your planned documentary…
  + In 250 words, explain
    - what your documentary will be about;
    - how you plan to film it;
    - where you plan to film it;
    - who will be in it;
    - why people will want to see it;
    - and when you will film it.

9. After all presentations of documentaries, begin working on documentary!