

National History Day – Documentary Project Rubric

Presentation Concept	1	2	3	4
Thesis Presence	Thesis is not present in the documentary	Thesis is present, but is not clearly maintained throughout most of the documentary	Thesis is present and is clearly maintained throughout most of the documentary	Thesis is present and clearly maintained throughout the entire documentary
Historical Accuracy	Historical accuracy is seriously flawed. Includes two or more major errors of fact or misinterpretations	Historical accuracy is in question. Includes one major or four or more minor errors of fact or misinterpretation	Historical accuracy is strong. Contains no major errors of fact or misinterpretations	Historical accuracy is exceptionally strong. There are no evident errors of fact or misinterpretations
Balanced Presentation	Presentation lacks balance, presents only one point of view of the topic	Presentation lacks balance, gives little attention to alternative views of the topic	Presentation is balanced, examines thoroughly other views of the topic	Presentation is exceptionally balanced, examines and presents multiple points of view of the topic
Documentary Organization	The documentary is unorganized	The documentary shows some organization, but those choices are not always logical	The documentary's organization is almost always logical and easy to follow	The documentary's organization is always logical and easy to follow
Presentation Format	Documentary shows thesis in a very basic way. Little thought is given to how choices of clear and coherent narration and/or text, media, audio or images might help convey the thesis	Documentary shows thesis in creative or original ways. Choices of clear and coherent narration and/or text, media, audio or images often help convey the thesis and the student's conclusions	Documentary shows thesis in creative and original ways. Choices of clear and coherent narration, text, media, audio and images help convey the thesis and the student's conclusions	Documentary shows thesis in extremely original and creative ways. Exceptional choices of clear and coherent narration, text, media, audio and images clearly convey the thesis and the student's conclusions
Rules Compliance	Violates a major rule: 1. Time requirement (10min) 2. Runs on its own without technical problems.	Violates a major rule but clear methods of correction are available	Complies with all major rules but may have a minor infraction	No major or minor infractions

Totals

Comments