

AP Statistics - Documentary Film Review Assignment – Grading RUBRIC

Description: A film analysis is not a review or summary of the plot, it goes deeper into analysis and reaction. **IT MUST BE TYPED** and double spaced using a 12 point, easily readable font.

MUST DO: Review your assigned documentary or docudrama that was randomly assigned

Introductory & Explanation PARAGRAPHS – 10 points Due by Monday, Oct. 16 (*turn in on GC*)

Provide basic information about the movie, and a sense of what your review will be about. Include:

_____ Brief (1-2 sentences) introduction to the movie, including the title and source.

_____ Publication Information: year released, length of movie

_____ Genre-i.e. documentary, docu-drama, or dramatic film

_____ Movie's main topic / theme / purpose? Give a brief summary of the plot in which you identify the main characters, describe the setting, and give a sense of the central conflict or point of the movie.

_____ Use introductory info as a way to introduce the topic and statistics associated. Include concepts we have studied so far with examples of:

- Clearly defined populations (Who is affected? Who gains vs who loses?)
- Graphical displays of data (i.e., 2-way tables, frequency tables, bar charts, histograms, etc.)
- Time plot statistics (how has this topic/problem changed over time- last 5, or 10, or 25 years?)
- Summary statistics (measures of center and spread)

NOTE: Do not write using bullet points

FINAL REPORT – Can be same topic/documentary or new topic/ documentary of your choice

Introductory PARAGRAPH (not bullet points) – 10 points

Provide basic information about the movie, and a sense of what your review will be about. Include:

_____ Brief (1-2 sentences) introduction to the movie.

_____ Title (underlined)

_____ Publication Information: year released, length of movie

_____ Genre-i.e. documentary, docu-drama, or dramatic film

_____ Movie's main topic / theme / purpose?

_____ Subtotal

Body -60 points

There are three main sections for this part. The first is an explanation of what descriptive statistics are presented. The second is making use of additional resources to corroborate your understanding of the topic and provide additional statistics related to the issue. The third is your opinions about the movie and how successful it is with examples used to better understand the topic and to change or support your opinion.

_____ Explanation – 15 points

Give a brief summary of the plot in which you identify the main characters, describe the setting, and give a sense of the central conflict or point of the movie. Use this as a way to introduce the topic and statistics associated. Include concepts we have studied so far with examples of:

- Graphical displays of data (i.e., 2-way tables, frequency tables, bar charts, histograms, etc.)
- Time plot statistics (how has this topic/problem changed over time- last 5, or 10, or 25 years?)

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- Clearly defined populations (Who is affected? Who gains vs who loses? How does the topic/problem affect different segments of the population?)
- Summary statistics (measures of center and spread)

_____ **Use of additional resources and statistics – 25 points**

Incorporate statistics and information from other resources (from suggested list or ones that you located) to support the understanding of the topic and relevant statistics.

- Minimum of 2 additional sources (i.e., compare to another documentary, article, interview)
- Incorporation of additional statistics not provided in the film itself, especially changes in the issue/problem over time (timeplot), and make sure to cite the sources used
- Creative use of other media (poem, song, or visual art that references or highlights topic)
- **Bonus** if you complete a Survey with a random sample of at least 30 people in college or beyond (adults age 18+) asking 3 to 5 questions about your topic to see what the public knows about this chosen topic.

_____ **Analysis and Evaluation – 20 points**

In this section you analyze or critique the movie. Write about your own opinions; just be sure that you explain and support them with examples.

- ____ How did the movie inform the viewer and help you understand the topic?
- ____ Describe the effectiveness of the interviews/visual design/music/sound.
- ____ What are the strengths and weaknesses of the movie?

Conclusion & Your takeaways – 20 points

_____ Briefly conclude the review by pulling your thoughts together. You may want to say what impression the movie left you with, or emphasize what you want your reader to know about it. *Be sure to include a grade, 1 to 5 star stars (1 = poor to 5 = excellent), in your review with a recap of why it earned that grade. What insights have you gained or new questions remain with the issue/problem at the center of your report and documentary.*

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Structure, Language Competency, & Referenced Sources – 10 points _____

- Spelling and grammar count.
- Write in a logical and coherent manner; it should be easy to read.
- Proofread it before turning it in.
- Must properly cite ALL of your sources (using APA or MLA format)

	Exceptional-5	Skilled-4	Proficient-3	Developing-2	Inadequate-1
Use of Conventions/Mechanics The text demonstrates standard English conventions of usage and mechanics along with the language of critique.	The text expertly uses standard English conventions of usage and mechanics.	The text skillfully uses standard English conventions of usage and mechanics.	The text proficiently uses standard English conventions of usage and mechanics.	The text somewhat accurately uses standard English conventions of usage and mechanics.	The text inadequately uses standard English conventions of usage and mechanics.
Substance, Style and Content: The text presents a formal, objective tone and uses precise language and topic-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.	The text expertly presents an engaging, formal, and objective tone and utilizes topic-specific vocabulary.	The text skillfully presents an engaging, formal, and objective tone and utilizes topic-specific vocabulary.	The text proficiently presents an engaging, formal, and objective tone and utilizes topic-specific vocabulary.	The text somewhat accurately presents an engaging, formal, and objective tone and utilizes topic-specific vocabulary.	The text inadequately presents an engaging, formal, and objective tone and utilizes topic-specific vocabulary.

TOTAL Score _____ (out of 100 points)

DUE: Monday, December 4, 2023 by 5 pm.

EXTRA CREDIT: If you would like to make a video to summarize your movie review and display graphical statistics found (5 minutes or less), you can include this for **up to 5 BONUS points**.

Early BiRD BONUS: 5 extra points if your turn in your completed assignment by Saturday, November 25th before noon.