

Documentary Treatment Template

CELT X

Use this template to plan your next documentary script.

Project Details

Title: _____
Filmmaker: _____
Format: _____
Estimated Length: _____
Short Premise: _____

Logline

Summarize the documentary's subject, central question, and stakes in one or two sentences.

Overview

What is the documentary about, and why does this story matter now?

Central Contributors

Who will guide the audience through the story?

Name: _____
Role in Documentary: _____
Goal/Challenge/Focus: _____
Access Confirmed: _____

Story Structure

Beginning

How will the documentary introduce the subject, contributors, and central question?

Development

What events, discoveries, obstacles, or changes will move the story forward?

Ending

What known or possible outcome will bring the documentary to a satisfying conclusion?

Key Sequences

Describe three important scenes or moments you hope to capture.

Sequence 1

Sequence 2

Sequence 3

Key Details

Tone:

Themes:

Access/Research:

Intended Audience:

Visual Style:
