

BEFORE WE GET STARTED

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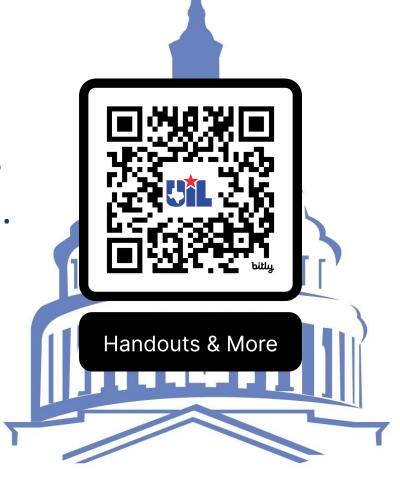


THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

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Session 160

Where / How Do I Begin?
Documentary Film, Let's Get to it!

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UIL Documentary Category

Nonfiction Film

- NOT Broadcast News
- NOT a PSA (Public Service Announcement)

3-7 minutes long

Each school can submit up to 3 films in this category

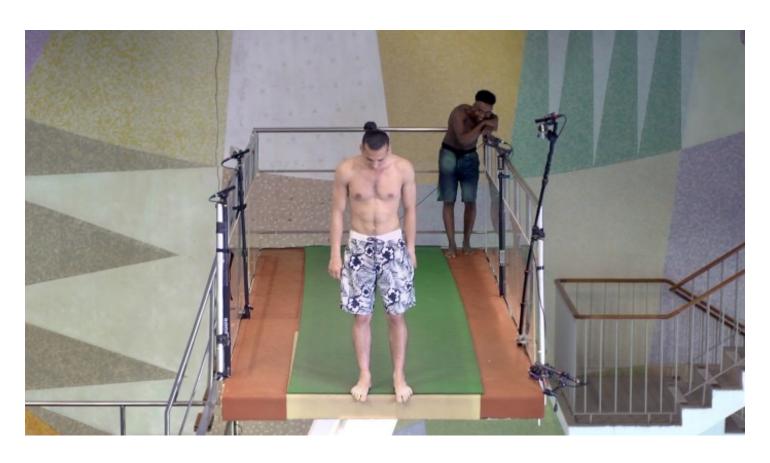
Films are evaluated for:

- Originality
- Cinematic storytelling
- Technical execution

Common Mistakes with Documentaries

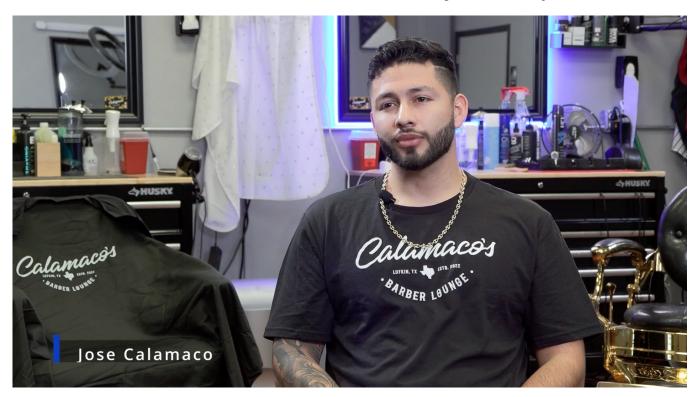
- Thinking that it's just an interview and some B-roll
- Not offering the audience a story
 - Beginning → Middle → End
- Filming like it's a book report and not a MOVIE
 - Sound
 - Lighting
 - Depth of field
 - Camera Placement
- Thinking that it has to be "good for you"

Ten Meter Tower



Calamacco's Barber

4A Documentary Champion, Hudson HS



The Last Repair Shop

2024 Oscar Winning Best Documentary Short



The Queen of Basketball

2022 Oscar Winning Best Documentary Short



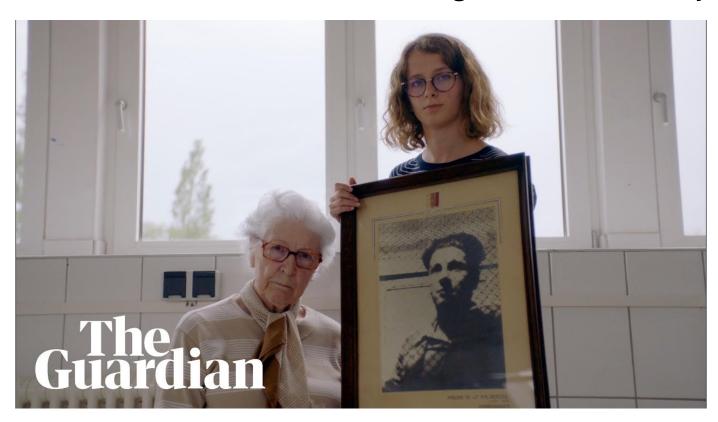
One of One

5A Documentary Finalist, Boerne Champion HS



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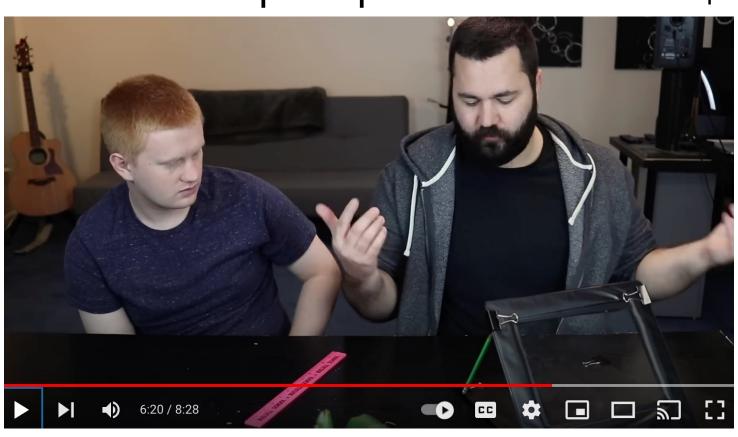
2021 Oscar Winning Best Documentary Short



Interrotron: Build One!



Creator Nerd YouTube video: How I Built a Teleprompter for Less Than \$5



Additional Viewing

- Academy Award Documentary Shorts
- NY Times Op-Docs YouTube channel
- Every Frame A Painting YouTube channel
- The works of Errol Morris