

Documentary

"Truth is always strange. Stranger than fiction."

Lord Byron

Project Due Dates

English	Design	Web /Audio	Film	Exhibition
Interviews: 2/12, 2/26 Paper outline: 3/2 Final paper: 3/16	Book/Magazine layout: 4/3	Audio Slide Show: April 10 Website: April 10	Rough cut 4/1 Final cut 4/10	May 28

Essential Question

What is the relationship of facts to truth ?

Objective

To discover and tell the untold stories of your family and/or community.

What To Do

Brainstorm

Interesting stories are everywhere. The challenge with this unit is finding them. To start your search, go to places that intrigue you and record what you see there. Ask yourself what people and/or events are connected to this place? What are their stories? Like the photographer in *Born Into Brothels*, you will create a multimedia docu-



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mentary about your subject that is both informative and entertaining.

Research

More than any other unit, this one depends on doing good research. Only by talking to people and reading literature on your topic will you be able to discover the story and tell it as truthfully as possible.

Produce

You will use your interviews and secondary source information (B-roll, research from books, magazines, internet, etc.) to create a book or magazine layout and either a film or audio slide show on your chosen subject.

Present

You will present your work at a school exhibition scheduled for May 28th, 2009.

Requirements

- Research Paper
- Documentary Photo Project
- 5 minute film or
- Audio slide show and Website