

Documentary Planning Guide

Names: _____

Title of Project: _____

Due Date: _____

The final outcome of this project is a video documentary about your community and its philanthropy. The documentary should teach the meaning of philanthropy and civic responsibility and should inspire viewers to give to the community.

Make a Plan.

- Determine your timeline of the project. Look at the final due date and plan the following steps:
- Decide who you will feature in the documentary.
- Discuss the focus and storyline of the documentary.
- Determine group roles (camera, script, interviewer, phone contact, etc.).
- Write a list of interview questions.
- Contact the philanthropist to explain the goals and set up an interview.
- Write an outline for the documentary script; include a clearly stated purpose.
- All group members should contribute to the writing and editing of the script.
- Keep a contact log (below) and record in it each time you conduct an interview or other research for this project.

Guidelines:

- The documentary will tell about the interviewed person's connection to the community, their background, accomplishments, and interesting stories. This may include roots, family, goals, core values, significant life events, influences, career, and legacy.
- The documentaries will be shared with students and parents to teach them about their community and inspire others to give.
- The documentary should be 5 to 12 minutes long.
- It should include at least two interviews with local philanthropists.
- Still, historic photos of the community or individuals can be used.
- Include music in the background.
- The rough plan should be approved by the teacher by this date:



Research and Interview Log:

Date	Place	Person Interviewed or Research Conducted

