

Media Literacy: Documentary

CLOSE VIEWING

Documentary filmmakers use many different techniques to immerse the viewer in the subject's world. **Reenactments**, the re-creation of key events or settings, help evoke a specific time period or elicit certain emotions from the viewer.

Directions: As you watch the documentary, think about how each technique is used to help convey what life was like during that time period. Rate the different techniques based on the criteria listed in the first column of the chart. Support your opinion with evidence from the clip.

Rate the technique on a scale of 1 to 5.	Explain your rating. (Cite evidence from the documentary.)
Reenactments Rating: _____ 1 = not at all effective 5 = extremely effective	
Voice-over Narration Rating: _____ 1 = not at all effective 5 = extremely effective	
Musical Score Rating: _____ 1 = not at all effective 5 = extremely effective	