

# Media Literacy: Documentary

## VIEWING GUIDE

A **documentary** presents information about social, political, or historical subjects.

Contemporary filmmakers use a more cinematic style of storytelling, combining conventional documentary features with stylistic devices.

**Directions:** As you watch the documentary, note how the different features listed in the first column of the chart help portray life in Victorian times. In the second column, record some examples of the attention-getting visuals and sounds used in the clip.

Conventional Features of Documentaries	Examples of Attention-Getting Techniques
<b>Visuals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• footage</li> <li>• reenactments</li> <li>• symbolic imagery</li> <li>• camera movements</li> </ul>	
<b>Sounds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• music or a musical score</li> <li>• reading real-life letters or diary entries</li> <li>• voice-over narration</li> </ul>	