

2674 – Documentary Assignment (100 words)

If I could tell the story in words, I wouldn't need to lug around a camera.

-Lewis Hine

Detail:

This assignment is designed to demonstrate proficiency in storytelling, documentary approaches, on location photography and processing RAW files. You will create a series of images documentary a relatively unknown aspect of Mahoning County (sub)culture.

You will create at least 150 images of your subject, of which you will select and edit 10 images for the final critique. In addition to these images, you will submit a printed (and electronic) 100 word statement (approximately 1 or 2 paragraphs) contextualizing the subject of your documentary.

Grading:

This will be a 25 point assignment, and will be graded on the following criteria:

- Quality of statement
- Skill in portraying story
- Craft/Technical ability
- Effort and Motivation
- Willingness to explore and take risks
- Overall Effectiveness



Naming convention

Images: 2674_100words_lastname_image_xx.--- (xx = 01-10)

Statement: 2674_100words_lastname_statement.docx

Inspiration:

NPR Picture Show blog: <http://www.npr.org/templates/archives/archive.php?thingId=125399107>

Some Photographers (books in my office):

- Merry Alpern
- Mary Ellen Mark
- Danny Lyon
- Joel Sternfeld
- Susan Meiselas
- Larry Sultan
- Wendy Ewald
- Robert Frank
- Larry Clark
- Jim Goldberg
- Gilles Peres
- Bill Burke
- Dorthea Lange
- Gordon Parks
- Sebastião Salgado
- Walker Evans
- Luc Sante
- Jacob Riis
- Mark Haworth-Booth
- Farm Security Administration (Roy Stryker)
- W Eugene Smith

Some Doco Films (in my office):

- Grizzly Man
- American Movie
- One Day in September
- Born Into Brothels
- The Corporation
- Capturing the Friedmans
- The Weather Underground
- The BBC 7-Up Series (such as 28-up, 35-up, 42-up)
- Hell House
- Hoop Dreams
- Roger and Me
- Brother's Keeper
- Endurance: The Story of the Shackleton Expedition
- Fahrenheit 911
- The Fog of War
- Go, Tigers!
- To Be and to Have (France, 2002)
- When We Were Kings
- My Architect: A Son's Journey
- Super Size Me
- Bright Leaves