

Documentary Film Note Catcher

As you watch the film, add concrete ideas below so that you have enough information to create a precis paragraph.

Title of Film:

Name of Director:

Year it was released:

Brief synopsis of the film:

Describe the progression of the film: how it starts, what stages it passes through, and how it concludes. (Feel free to use bullet points but be specific on what you see and hear).

What cinematic techniques do you see the director using to craft their message?

May include: B-Roll footage, stock footage, crowd-sourced footage, archive footage, photos, animation, text, recreation, actuality, voice-over, direct/indirect interviews or montage.

What do you believe is the director's purpose when filming this documentary?

What emotions may the audience feel as they watch the film?

Consider how they may feel at the beginning, middle, and conclusion of the film.

Who do you think is the audience for this film? Who is most likely watching this documentary?

Also consider, who **should** be watching this documentary to become better informed?

What kind of tone does the director create as they film?

Consider the mood of the film at the beginning, middle, and conclusion.

Message of the film: