

Factual Programming - An introduction

Task 1:

How real is Reality TV?

It is real in the sense of using actual people however the productions have lots of situations where the sequences are scripted. Reality TV can sometimes twist the truth to get an effect for the viewer. It is designed to exaggerate the real life effect but for the drama of TV.

Reality TV is a genre of television that documents real life situations, typically using real people with real stories, stated by wikipedia.

Documentary is a film that presents factual information about the world.

Factual programming is about creating drama from the real, rather than constructing drama. However, do not be fooled - this type of programming is often far more constructed than they appear to the audience.

Task 2:

Working in groups list as many examples of factual programming on your sheet as you can think of.

- News (Sky News, Channel 5 News, Good Morning Britain)
- Documentaries on people (A Look Behind The Tunnel : Andy Campbell, Michael Jackson)
- Nature Documentaries (David Attenborough)
- History Based Documentaries (Horrible Histories, WW1, WW2)
- Social Issue Documentary (9/11)
- Reality TV (I'm a celebrity)

Documentary is any film practice that has its subject persons, events or situations that exist outside the film in the real world also referred to as non- fiction film.

Discussion Point:

Many people believe that they can use documentary film to try and inform political or social change, help inform people or make a positive difference. In short, many believe that documentaries have the power to change the world - what do you think?

$\frac{2}{3}$ agrees with this statement, but $\frac{1}{3}$ does not agree. Here are the discussions.

For the statement	Against the statement
<p>It can spread awareness of a subject</p> <p>Some documentaries are banned in certain countries and it displays information that the government doesn't want the public to see.</p>	<p>No documentary has changed the world</p> <p>Despite facts and logic a surprising amount of people have strong believes in conspiracy theories</p> <p>Most documentaries don't have worldwide reach</p> <p>It can inform many people but lots won't change their views</p>