**Film Review Assignment**

Write a 2-4 page critical analysis of a documentary film. Choose the film from the 100 documentary films list (Rotten Tomatoes publisher) provided on my weebly site. Be sure to include conventions normally associated with film reviews (as generated in class discussion and through your own observations and analysis of the film review examples).

Remember that a good film review is more than just plot summary. The bulk of

this essay should be your analysis of the filmmaker’s rhetorical choices (and/or exigencies) and how those elements function, or don’t function, to convey the film’s purpose. Your discussion of the elements must be supported by appropriate specific examples from the film.

For this assignment, you may take some liberties with presentation: font size and style, graphics, photos, color, column/text arrangement, etc. Work to allow the visual elements to enhance the text rather than distract from it. Make your rhetorical choices with a general audience in mind—people like you—who tend to read reviews regularly, have a working knowledge of film elements, and who are avid movie consumers.

Despite the freedom in other areas, be sure to stick to the conventions of language mechanics (punctuation, spelling, grammar, sentence structure), and showcase your strong, overall writing skills.

http://www.rottentomatoes.com/top/bestofrt/top\_100\_documentary\_movies/?category=8