

Criteria to Consider When Viewing Documentary Films		Four-Star Rating System				
• Topic	The topic pertains to civic affairs both global and local, and it is of social and/or political interest and relevance.	*	**	***	****	
• Storyline	The storyline is compelling and its message is clear and coherent.	*	**	***	****	
• Production	It is a well-produced film with good audio and visual quality.	*	**	***	****	
• Credibility	The film's sources are clearly identified and appear highly credible.	*	**	***	****	
• Argumentation	To make its points, the film relies primarily upon relevant evidence, not rhetorical fallacies.	*	**	***	****	
• Discussion	The film would stimulate thoughtful, informative, and meaningful discussion.	*	**	***	****	
• Length	The film is approximately	45 m	1 hr	1.5 hrs	2 hrs	2+ hrs