THE DOCUMENTARY ROLL

Title (15 sec.)

Thesis (1 minute)
- About 50 words
- Incorporate theme words
- Don't have to label "thesis" or put on screen
- Remember, it's the road map to your project

Background/Buildup (2 min. 30 sec.)
- Place your topic in historical context
- What information do we need to know to help us understand your topic?
- What outside people, ideas, or events were going on to influence your topic?
- Who are the main players and what are they doing to prepare for the main events of your topic?
- What are the events leading up to the main event?
- What was life like before the main events of your topic?

Heart of the Story

Main Event (2 min. 30 sec.)
- Major details about the main events in your topic
- Include specific details about the most critical people and events related to your topic
- This section generally covers a smaller time period (several months to several years)

Short and Long-Term Impact (2 min. 30 sec.)
- What are some of the immediate reactions to the main event, shortly after it happened?
- What changed? New laws? New ways of thinking?
- Who was affected by the event?
- How is the world different after the main events of your topic?
- What is the long term significance?
- Where there intended/unintended consequences?
- Did it influence other historical events?

Conclusion (1 minute)
- Restate your thesis
- Focus on the main points you want your audience to take away
- So what?
- Why is this topic important in history?
- Incorporate theme words

End Titles/Credits (15 sec.)
- Credit the main sources of audio and visual sources
- Thank people, organizations, and libraries who helped or contributed to your project.

Track 1: Student-read narration and oral history interviews

Track 2: Historically appropriate music and sound effect