

STUDENT DOCUMENTARY COMPETITION

Documentary Title: Celebrating 200 Years of Clay County, Indiana

Eligibility Requirements

Must be a junior or senior from Clay City or Northview High school.

This competition is open to an individual or a group of students

All works must be in English

The documentary must not exceed 15 minutes

AWARDS: One documentary from each high school is eligible to receive a \$500.00 cash award.

Documentaries will be judged on "Best Overall Documentary," "Best Research," "Best Cinematography," and "Most Creative Approach."

A documentary is an audio/visual presentation that uses multiple source types such as images, video, and sound to communicate the historical research, and interpretation of the topic's significance in history.

All student submissions will be judged on Historical Quality (80%) and Clarity of Presentation (20%)

- Historical Quality: This section focuses on the strengths of the historical argument, research, and relationship to the year's designated theme.

- Clarity of Presentation: This section evaluates how well the project communicates the argument using the tools of the category.

1. Documentary Elements

- Documentaries must be original production.
- To produce a documentary, students must have access to equipment and be able to operate it.
- Documentaries must conform to all general and category rules.

2. Time Requirements

- Documentaries may not exceed ten minutes in length.
- Timing starts when the first visual image appears, or the first sound is heard.
- Timing ends when the last visual image or sound concludes, including source credits.

3. Entry Production

- Students must create and produce their entries.
- Students must operate all equipment, including recording and editing equipment, used in the production of the documentary.
- Only students may write and narrate the documentary's script.
- Students may use professional photographs, film, recorded music, etc. in the documentary, as long as all guidelines for source credits are followed.

4. Documentary Introduction

- The documentary introduction must state only the title of the documentary.

5. Source Credits

- The last portion of the documentary must be a list of acknowledgments and credits for sources of moving footage, interviews, music, and images that appear in the documentary. These source credits must be brief – not full bibliographic citations and not annotated. Items found in the same collection can be included together in one credit.
- The list of source credits is included in the ten-minute time limit. They must be readable.
- All sources used in the making of the documentary must be properly cited in the annotated bibliography as well.

6. All student documentaries, in addition to the film file, must include the following written materials in this order:

- Title Page – the title page must include only the title of the entry, name of student(s), contest division, category, and applicable word count.
- Process Paper – the process paper must be 500 words or fewer and must not include quotes, images, or captions.
- Annotated Bibliography – the annotated bibliography must list all sources that were consulted in the creation of the entry, must be sorted into primary and second sources, and must combine photos or other materials from the same collection into a single citation.

All required materials must be submitted by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 30, 2025 to the Clay County Bicentennial Committee P.O. Box 82 Center Point, IN 47840 or by emailing it to Claycounty1825.2025@yahoo.com

1. All documentary video submissions must be saved as an .mp4 file.
2. Name the video file as your last name and project title (i.e. LastName_ProjectTitle.mp4).
 - a. If you are doing a group project, include all your group members' last names then the project title (ie.LastName1LastName2_ProjectTitle.mp4).
3. Save your .mp4 file as a shareable, all-access file to one of the following locations:
 - a. Google Drive
 - b. Microsoft One Drive,
 - c. Dropbox

****Make sure security rights are set for full access to anyone who receives the link.**

You will generate a shareable link for this file that you will need for final submission.

4. Save your required written materials as a PDF file.
5. Name the file with your written materials as your last name and project title (i.e.LastName_ProjectTitle.pdf).
 - a. If you are doing a group project, include all your group members' last names, then the project title (ie.LastName1LastName2_ProjectTitle.pdf).

Any questions concerning this competition, contact Tonia Tucker at Claycounty1825.2025@yahoo.com or you can call 812-208-8614, leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Best of luck to everyone!

The Clay County Bicentennial Committee