

RADIO DOCUMENTARY

Documentary:

Documentary is a radio or television format that gives facts & evidences about something artistically.

Documentary is a combination of two words which are: Document and Commentary.

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Document:

Word document is derived from Latin word **Docere** that means **Proof, Evidence, an attested piece of paper with words.**

So **Document** is an official paper or book that gives information about something and can be used as an evidence or proof of something.

Commentary:

Commentary is a spoken description of something.

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Documentary:

Documentary is a presentation of evidences of a person, place, or thing which can hardly be denied.

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Purpose of documentary:

The purpose of documentary is to provide people with the information about a person, thing, phenomenon, event, etc., with the help of facts, figures and evidences. A documentary attempts to offer authentication of what is otherwise speculation through the recordings of the informants, witnesses, participants, etc.

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History

In 1711 AD Æ the word **document** became more active as verb that means **the act of furnishing evidence** such as court records, school reports, letters, journals, newspapers, diaries, etc **with words**.

In 1802 AD Æ word **documentary report** emerged as a description of evidence coupled with imagination.

In 1935 AD Æ the present day use of the word **documentary** emerged.

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Topics of documentary:

There is an unlimited range of topics that can be treated as documentaries.

Some of them are as under:

Topics about tangibles

Topics about intangibles

Topics about Tangibles:

Topics about tangibles can further be categorized as under:

Persons

Things

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Persons:

The life of a personality that may come from national heroes, leaders, scientists, scholars, players, actors, singers, etc. can be depicted through a documentary.

Things:

Documentary can be planned and produced on anything such as bazaars, streets, life in dark slums, life in big cities, countries, culture, traditions, fashion, books, the life and culture of animals, etc.

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Topics about Intangibles:

The topics about intangible things can further be distributed amongst the following categories:

Phenomena

Abstract topics

Social topics

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Phenomena:

Documentarily can be produced on different phenomena such as:

The blooming of a bud

The functioning of heart

The making of a missile

Discoveries, inventions

Historical facts, wars, riots

The galaxies

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Abstract topics:

Some of the abstract topics are: anger, insomnia, fears and phobias, habits, attitudes, children's psychology
etc.

Social topics:

Pollution

Population

Child labour

Women's issues

Price hike

Smoking

Narcotics

Illiteracy

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Essentials of Radio Documentary

The following are the essentials of radio documentary.

Script

Narrator

Sound effects

Interviews of concerned persons to authenticate the information

The more the interviews, the more authenticated the documentary will be.

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That's All
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