

Digital Documentary—Thinking and Talking About Rural Communities

You will create a documentary using Windows Movie Maker and/or iMovie. The documentary will be an expose on agricultural injuries that occur in rural communities. We would like you to begin with a question that you have about these types of injuries and anchor the story you tell with someone who lives in a rural community. Think about what you learned from these stories and how these and similar stories in Kentucky could be framed in terms of a 3-5 minute documentary. These documentaries will be bolstered with additional research that you are doing as part of the readings portion of the class. As part of the assignment, we would like you to develop an “essential question” that would be asked and answered within the time frame of the movie. Part of the experience will be to tell the story through the eyes of someone who is exposed to the kinds of injuries discussed in class and who is living in a rural community. We would also like you to create an interview protocol and then conduct the interview with this person. You may tape record the interview with either digital video, digital recorder or with an analog system. Realize that these “modalities” will impact the audio/visual components of the documentary. You are also encouraged to capture either digital video or digital photographs that will enhance your movie. We have some equipment that you could borrow and share between classmates.