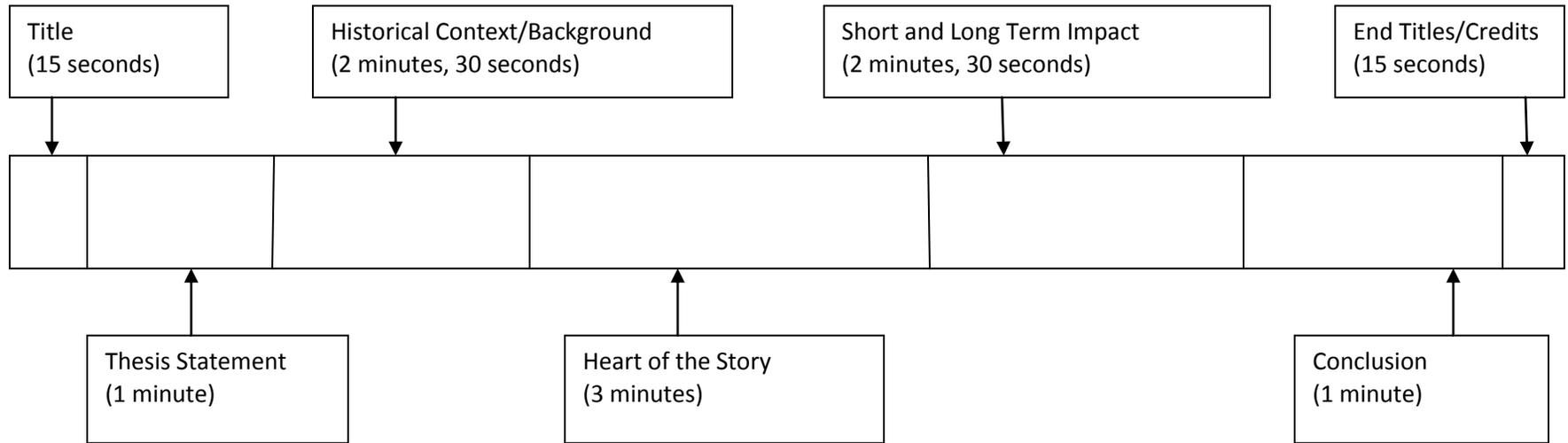


Documentary Format Timeline

It is important to think about breaking up your documentary into smaller segments, just like an exhibit is divided into sections. It will be easier to organize your thoughts into these smaller parts. It is also easier for your viewers to follow along when you have a well-organized documentary. Here are some general ideas about how you want to organize your documentary. Remember: these are just ideas. As long as your project is organized you can create it however you want!



Audio Track # 1 – Student-read narration + Oral History Interview



Audio Track # 2 – Historically Appropriate Music + Sound Effects



Documentary Format Timeline – Title, Thesis Statement, Historical Context

Title – 15 seconds

- Project Title (s)
- Student Name(s) - optional

Historical Context – 2 minutes, 30 seconds

- Explore the background of your topic (25-75 years earlier)
- What information in the past do you need to know in order to understand why your topic is historically significant?
- Identify and introduce key players, ethnic/social/economic groups, organizations, governments, ideas, movements, etc.



Thesis Statement – 1 minute

- 40 to 70 words in length
- Should answer “W” questions – who, what, when, where, why, when
- Incorporate theme words into thesis statement
- Thesis statement is the road map to your project

Documentary Format Timeline – Heart of the Story, Impact, Conclusion, Credits

