



Making a Documentary

Definition of Documentary:

1. consisting of, or based on, official documents

2. using pictures or interviews with people involved in real events to provide a factual report on a particular subject

3. a film, television or radio programme that provides a factual report on a particular subject



What do I need to know?

The 3 stages of production

Pre production

Production

Post production

Pre Production





Production

The Shoot

- Pictures - take lots
 - use tripod
 - try different angles
 - be aware of lighting
- Sound – as important as pictures
- Expect the unexpected!!



Post Production

- Look at everything you've shot – make notes
- Be critical
- Review the script – think about a Title
- Create cutting order for editor
- **The Rough Cut** - first assembly
- Choose music
- Finalise script
- Record VO
- **The Fine Cut**
- Review



Good luck with
your next
documentary!

Thank you for your time