FILM CHECKLIST

1 Short story template
Find a title for your story
Write a theme statement - important
Plot your story on the story template (hyperlinked)
Make sure your story has at least one conflict or obstacle with which your character wrestles
Pay attention to the setting(s) and describe these, both the physical setting and the time, including main issues of the time. [When you do visuals be sure to have pictures and a map]

2 Insert History
Research background general history of the era – Aim for half a page to a page of research

3 Story Board
Write your story board on a word document so that I can edit it. Make all the writing slides, including titles and credits so that I can edit this for errors before you start

4 Visuals
Collect pictures and documents and film clips either from your family collection or from the internet or books. Put these in a folder so that you are ready to insert them. Scan what you need ahead of time.

5 Interview
You might want to record a short interview, real or fake. Decide who you will interview. Write some questions. For the fake interview write both questions and answers. You could also record someone talking.

6 Choose Music
Choose music that fits with your theme. For example, if you write about emigration to America for example, Bruce Springsteen has the perfect song.

7 One or Two Quotations
Find a quote from a scholar or critic about the time period. If you like you could dress up like the writer while you say the quote followed by a slide with the quotation and author and a note who the scholar is and from which university.

8 Reflection Piece
Write a reflection concerning the story itself. This could be part of the conclusion. Try to understand what the story teaches you or the world or how this might make me think differently about the world or live your life differently.

Your film needs all these elements. Begin working on these NOW.
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Sequence
Make a folder in your documents called film unit – Save EVERYTHING in it

Gather material – cite as you go. Open a word document and add every site you use. Later you can use citation machine to format it.

Make your storyboard.

Do your audio first
Record narration and select music – Make it match, make us care

Fit music with narration

Put it in moviemaker