Analyzing Film and Video

Think about the following questions while you watch a movie or video that you want to find meaning in. Be sure to add your own good questions as they occur to you.

1. Before you watch the video, what do you think you will see in it? Why? Where did your expectations come from? What effect might those previous experiences have on how you think about the video?
2. What do you notice about the components of the video and what might they tell you about its purpose and meaning?
    - Camera angles
    - People
    - Lighting
    - Narration
    - Editing
    - Music
    - Sound
3. What is the theme/purpose/message of the video? What details about the video gave you that impression?
4. Who do you think is the intended audience for this video? What details give you that impression?
5. How would you evaluate the effectiveness of this video at communicating its message?
6. What conclusions can you draw about the life and times of the people who created this video?
7. Summarize the main points of the video.

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