

Best Documentary Movies of All Time - Viewing Checklist

Seen it? Rank Title

- 1 Shoah (1985)
- 2 Hoop Dreams (1994)
- 3 The Thin Blue Line (1988)
- 4 Night and Fog (1955)
- 5 Man with a Movie Camera (1929)
- 6 Stop Making Sense (1984)
- 7 Harlan County U.S.A. (1976)
- 8 Grey Gardens (1975)
- 9 Man on Wire (2008)
- 10 Grizzly Man (2005)
- 11 Woodstock (1970)
- 12 O.J.: Made in America (2016)
- 13 The Act of Killing (2012)
- 14 The Last Waltz (1978)
- 15 Sans Soleil (1983)
- 16 Hearts of Darkness: A Filmmaker's Apocalypse (1991)
- 17 Dear Zachary: A Letter to a Son About His Father (2008)
- 18 Crumb (1994)
- 19 The Fog of War (2003)
- 20 Won't You Be My Neighbor? (2018)
- 21 The Look of Silence (2014)
- 22 I Am Not Your Negro (2016)
- 23 The Sorrow and the Pity (1969)
- 24 Capturing the Friedmans (2003)
- 25 Waltz with Bashir (2008)
- 26 When We Were Kings (1996)
- 27 Nanook of the North (1922)
- 28 Bowling for Columbine (2002)
- 29 Streetwise (1984)
- 30 The Up Series (1964–2019)
- 31 Tropic of Cancer (1967)
- 32 Inside Job (2010)
- 33 Gimme Shelter (1970)
- 34 Salesman (1968)
- 35 Exit Through the Gift Shop (2010)
- 36 Paris Is Burning (1990)
- 37 Summer of Soul (...Or, When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised) (2021)
- 38 Senna (2010)
- 39 Minding the Gap (2018)
- 40 Life Itself (2014)
- 41 The Times of Harvey Milk (1984)
- 42 Bob Dylan: Dont Look Back (1967)
- 43 13th (2016)
- 44 Roger & Me (1989)
- 45 The Cove (2009)
- 46 Collective (2019)
- 47 Citizenfour (2014)
- 48 They Shall Not Grow Old (2018)
- 49 Apollo 11 (2019)
- 50 Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills (1996)

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- 51 F for Fake (1973)
- 52 Free Solo (2018)
- 53 Blackfish (2013)
- 54 Chronicle of a Summer (1961)
- 55 March of the Penguins (2005)
- 56 David Byrne's American Utopia (2020)
- 57 The King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters (2007)
- 58 Koyaanisqatsi (1982)
- 59 How to Survive a Plague (2012)
- 60 Nostalgia for the Light (2010)
- 61 For Sama (2019)
- 62 Tower (2016)
- 63 Searching for Sugar Man (2012)
- 64 Stories We Tell (2012)
- 65 Jonestown: The Life and Death of Peoples Temple (2006)
- 66 The Jinx (2015)
- 67 Brother's Keeper (1992)
- 68 Weiner (2016)
- 69 The Battle of Chile: 3 Parts (1975-1979)
- 70 Spellbound (2002)
- 71 Virunga (2014)
- 72 20 Feet from Stardom (2013)
- 73 Jodorowsky's Dune (2013)
- 74 The Decline of Western Civilization (1981)
- 75 The Gleaners & I (2000)
- 76 American Movie (1999)
- 77 The Imposter (2012)
- 78 Faces Places (2017)
- 79 Jiro Dreams of Sushi (2011)
- 80 Amazing Grace (2018)
- 81 Murderball (2005)
- 82 Tie Xi Qu: West of the Tracks (2002)
- 83 Welfare (1975)
- 84 We Were Here (2011)
- 85 Tokyo Olympiad (1965)
- 86 Fahrenheit 9/11 (2004)
- 87 Amy (2015)
- 88 Flee (2021)
- 89 Hearts and Minds (1974)
- 90 One More Time with Feeling (2016)
- 91 Anvil (2008)
- 92 Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room (2005)
- 93 Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (2011)
- 94 The Crash Reel (2013)
- 95 Cave of Forgotten Dreams (2010)
- 96 This Is Not a Film (2011)
- 97 Lessons of Darkness (1992)
- 98 The Beaches of Agnès (2008)
- 99 The Overnighters (2014)
- 100 Burden of Dreams (1982)

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- 101 Style Wars (1983)
- 102 The War Game (1966)
- 103 Project Nim (2011)
- 104 For All Mankind (1989)
- 105 Waste Land (2010)
- 106 As I Was Moving Ahead Occasionally I Saw Brief Glimpses of Beauty (2000)
- 107 Cheer (2020)
- 108 Fire of Love (2022)
- 109 This Is It (2009)
- 110 Sherpa (2015)
- 111 An Inconvenient Truth (2006)
- 112 Los Angeles Plays Itself (2003)
- 113 The Emperor's Naked Army Marches On (1987)
- 114 Sherman's March (1985)
- 115 Touching the Void (2003)
- 116 Baraka (1992)
- 117 Histoire(s) du Cinéma (1998)
- 118 When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts (2006)
- 119 Kedi (2016)
- 120 National Gallery (2014)
- 121 All the Beauty and the Bloodshed (2022)
- 122 The Gatekeepers (2012)
- 123 Restrepo (2010)
- 124 Gates of Heaven (1978)
- 125 Food, Inc. (2008)
- 126 Three Identical Strangers (2018)
- 127 À Propos de Nice (1930)
- 128 9/11: The Falling Man (2006)
- 129 Under the Sea 3D (2009)
- 130 Deliver Us From Evil (2006)
- 131 Life of Crime: 1984-2020 (2021)
- 132 Encounters at the End of the World (2007)
- 133 Leviathan (2012)
- 134 My Voyage to Italy (2001)
- 135 Last Train Home (2009)
- 136 Symbiopsychotaxiplasm: Take One (1968)
- 137 Portrait of Jason (1967)
- 138 Close-Up (1989)
- 139 Primary (1960)
- 140 Monterey Pop (1968)
- 141 Taxi to the Dark Side (2007)
- 142 The Velvet Underground (2021)
- 143 Val (2021)
- 144 2016: Obama's America (2012)
- 145 The White Diamond (2004)
- 146 The Rescue (2021)
- 147 Super Size Me (2004)
- 148 My Octopus Teacher (2020)
- 149 Young@Heart (2007)
- 150 West of Memphis (2012)

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- 151 In the Year of the Pig (1968)
- 152 Handsworth Songs (1986)
- 153 Dick Johnson Is Dead (2020)
- 154 High School (1968)
- 155 The Invisible War (2012)
- 156 Land without Bread (1933)
- 157 Earth 92009
- 158 Our Body (2023)
- 159 Religulous (2008)
- 160 Winged Migration (2001)
- 161 LA 92 (2017)
- 162 No End in Sight (2007)
- 163 Detropia (2012)
- 164 Wordplay (2006)
- 165 No Direction Home (2005)
- 166 Waiting for Superman (2010)
- 167 Honeyland (2019)
- 168 This Film Is Not Yet Rated (2006)
- 169 The Truffle Hunters (2020)
- 170 Born Into Brothels (2004)
- 171 Aileen: Life and Death of a Serial Killer (2003)
- 172 Chimpanzee (2012)
- 173 The Silent World (1956)
- 174 4 Little Girls (1997)
- 175 Ex Libris (2017)
- 176 The War Room (1993)
- 177 The Beatles: Get Back (2021)
- 178 Jane (2017)
- 179 Sicko (2007)
- 180 The Salt of the Earth (2014)
- 181 The Central Park Five (2012)
- 182 Time (2020)
- 183 Häxan (1922)
- 184 One Direction: This Is Us (2013)
- 185 The Devil and Daniel Johnston (2005)
- 186 Pumping Iron (1977)
- 187 Fyre (2019)
- 188 The Kid Stays in the Picture (2002)
- 189 Cameraperson (2016)
- 190 Marley (2012)
- 191 A Personal Journey with Martin Scorsese Through American Movies (1995)
- 192 Marwencol (2010)
- 193 Born to Be Wild (2011)
- 194 Moonage Daydream (2022)
- 195 63 Up (2019)
- 196 Lake of Fire (2006)
- 197 Triumph of the Will (1935)
- 198 Concert for George (2003)
- 199 Disclosure (2020)
- 200 Part of Me (2012)