

# Teacher's Guide for the New English Curriculum

## Ninth Grade

### Unit 3 Lights, Camera & Action 2019

## The World Through the Lens of the Documentary

**Student A:** Did you watch the documentary *Supersize Me*?

**Student B:** No, I haven't, I actually haven't watched a documentary before, what is that?

**Student A:** A documentary is a movie or TV series that tells the story of something that happened in real life.

**Student B:** Oh really?

**Student A:** Yes, they cover the stories of real people and real events. For example, there are documentaries about events in history like World War II, and documentaries about current-day events like the water crisis and climate change.

**Student B:** Very interesting, they sound informational.

**Student A:** They are! *Supersize Me* is about a social experiment where a man only eats McDonald's for an entire month.

**Student A:** That's crazy!

**Student B:** I agree, I could never do it. The documentary talks a lot about the side effects of eating unhealthy food and explores the United States' obesity epidemic.

**Student A:** I should watch it, that sounds fascinating.

**Student B:** It is, it's a mind-blowing story, and you learn a lot. After I watched it the first time, I thought it over for a while and later I re-watched it to see if I had missed anything important.

**Student A:** That's a good idea.

**Student B:** I agree! After watching it a second time I picked up a lot of information I had missed the first time.

**Student A:** Could you send me a copy of the documentary so I can watch it this weekend?

**Student B:** Absolutely!