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Before you begin, be sure to read the instructions [How forums are graded](#) .

The PBS video documentary series, first introduced in 1983, has become standard fare for students in many history classes. You have now watched about three hours of video on the Vietnam war, seeing and hearing from people who were there. Of course, their stories, like those you've read in the Appy book, are subject to editing by other people. Editing includes both time constraints and narration/page limits, but also includes the editor's biases, such as what to include and what not to include.

When I first taught this HST195 class at Lane Community College, back in 1999, it was a telecourse. The video series was the most important part of the course. Today, I treat the videos as just another "book", or source to which I choose to expose students.

From the beginning, there were numerous historians who took issue with the facts presented in these videos. In your first forum assignment, you will address the motivations of the PBS series promoters to tell, hide, or change the truth as they saw it. For this forum, you will address the complications raised by another video production. These historians in the AIM video, who have other points of view, challenge some of the very facts presented in the PBS series.

Forum 1

- **Watch the web video (29 minutes in length) by clicking Accuracy in Media - Part 1 . Be sure to take careful notes.**

Click on my post below. Read my questions, then click the **REPLY** link IN MY POST and to make your own posts. (Click the reply link in OTHER students' posts to make your replies.)

You will discuss this issue all week. Complete your initial post(s) and final replies by the Wednesday and Sunday deadlines.

NOTE: Unlike assignments, forums are public and your comments are "open" to the entire group. Be respectful and constructive in your discussions in this, our first public sharing of knowledge.

Finally, each one week forum will be weighted the same as your 100 point assignment you completed last week (even though you are seeking a score of 9 or more points for the week, as described in the [How forums are graded guidelines](#).) How much effort did you put in to that paper? The same effort should be given to this discussion.

Discussion display

Discussion	Started by		Group	Replies	Unread ✓	Subscribed	Last post
Week 1 - Determining the truth		Joe Escobar  	Group 1	29	0	No	Mario Scalisi Sun, Oct 14, 2012, 11:57 PM
Week 1 - Determining the truth		Joe Escobar  	Group 2	28	0	No	Phillip Hubbard Sun, Oct 14, 2012, 10:29 PM

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