 Trailer Paragraphs

Title: An Inconvenient Truth

Context: ‘An Inconvenient Truth’ is a documentary in which Al Gore describes the problems of climate change against the backdrop of the political climate of the time, including the hotly debated 2000 election that cost him the presidency.

[An Inconvenient Truth Trailer](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bu6SE5TYrCM) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bu6SE5TYrCM)

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Reflexive

Performative

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Title: Who Do You Think You Are?

Context: Well-known Australians play detective as they go in search of their family history, revealing secrets from their past.

[Who Do You Think You Are? Trailer](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJYYTojhkT8) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJYYTojhkT8)

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Title: Hoop Dreams

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[Hoop Dreams Trailer](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TRIx7oD3lo) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TRIx7oD3lo)

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Title: Bowling for Columbine

Context: ‘Bowling for Columbine’ is a 2002 American documentary film written, produced, directed, and narrated by Michael Moore. The film explores what Moore suggests are the primary causes for the Columbine High School massacre in 1999 and other acts of violence with guns. Moore focuses on the background and environment in which the massacre took place and some common public opinions and assumptions about related issues. The film also looks into the nature of violence in the United States.

[Bowling for Columbine Trailer](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hH0mSAjp_Jw) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hH0mSAjp\_Jw)

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Title: My Scientology Movie

Context: ‘My Scientology Movie’ is a 2015 British documentary film about Scientology directed by John Dower, and written by and starring Louis Theroux. The film takes an unconventional approach to the subject matter, featuring young actors ‘auditioning’ for parts playing high-profile Scientologists in scenes that recreate accounts from ex-members about incidents involving senior church management. The Church of Scientology responded by putting the filmmakers under surveillance and denouncing the film.

[My Scientology Movie Trailer](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-9qUjE40wM) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-9qUjE40wM)

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