

For this assignment you will choose an appropriate song and write an analysis of the lyrics. Your song must not over-use explicit lyrics, be sexual or over-emphasis violence, racism, or anything like that. You will complete the following steps for your analysis:

1. **Choose** your song and find the lyrics. A copy of the lyrics must be included with your analysis.
2. **List** the writer of the song and the original singer. Note that many songs, (especially pop) are not written by the person singing.
3. **Read** your lyrics and respond to the following points, explaining what you think the lyrics mean. You might turn to the Internet/message boards/social media for other people’s opinions. You must explain why/how you found meaning and provide specific lines from the lyrics*.* Mention the following:

🡪Why did you choose this song? Provide an explanation.

🡪What is your interpretation of the song? Provide specific examples to show what you mean.

🡪What specific images, themes and ideas stand out?

🡪Explain the specific things you like about this song

1. **Identify** a minimum of four poetic devices from within your lyrics. Use your note on poetic devices for a variety of choices. Look for the devices we have talked about in class, (i.e. similes, metaphors, repetition, personification, alliteration, etc.)

🡪On your copy of the lyrics, underline, circle, or somehow note each device that is used.

🡪Include an explanation of your minimum of four poetic devices. What do they mean? What do they add to the lyrics and song?

* This assignment will go on your blog
* Include a link to a YouTube/Vevo of the song if possible. If possible, also include lyrics
* You must ensure that you have specific examples from the song to support your points
* You must have explanations to explain why/how you have connected with these lyrics
* Make sure you have identified at least four poetic devices. Use your notes!

***MARKS:***

**EXPLANATION/SUPPORT** 1 2 3 4 5

**POETIC DEVICES** 1 2 3 4 5

**CONTENT** 1 2 3 4 5

**MEANING** 1 2 3 4 5