

Music Lyrics Analysis

1. Select a song you like which has many different lyrics (not just all repeating)
2. Identify/Circle/Highlight 4 different Figures of Speech in your song lyrics: Metaphor, simile, alliteration, allusion etc.. **Use your Figures of Speech Explanation PDF.**
3. Explain the Figures of speech by “quoting the line of song” what makes each figures of speech an example of the type you chose and explain how that makes it the figure of speech you said it was.

Example: the line “Life is a Highway, I want to ride it all night long” is an example of a metaphor as it clearly compares Life’s journey as being a highway (2 very different things) without using like or as.

Do this for each of the 4 different figures of speech you select from your song.

4. Explain what two lines of the song that really create **imagery (sights, sounds, feelings, smells for you)** and explain in detail what you see, hear or feel. (2 to 3 sentences).
5. **Write in complete 4 sentences what you feel the song is about** and **use two lines** of the song to back up your answer.

Example: I believe my song *Subterranean Homesick Blues* is about the on going civil rights struggle in America and the lack of trust among their citizens. I believe this because of lines such as, "Be weary of those who carry around the fire hose" and "Don't follow leaders, watch your parking meters." Also, another main theme of this song seems to be questioning government, authority, and those in society who are in charge. It is an overall warning to a younger generation.

Now, instead of just sending this assignment in record yourself endorsing why you like your chosen song and explaining each part of the assignment either by video or audio.

Then play a little of your song (part needs to be appropriate).

Some may even want to add it to a Spotify play list. You never know, even Mr. Bosma might add your song.

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