

Planning 10

VALUES IN SONG

- Choose a song that could be considered to be your “anthem” or “theme song”. It should be a song that clearly expresses some of your values.
- Provide a copy of the lyrics to the song.
- Use the following questions to help you complete a well-organized, well developed, multi-paragraph reflection. You are not limited to the questions below; there’s always an opportunity to “dig deeper”. *Be careful not to plagiarize information obtained through the internet or other sources.

PART 1: Introduction/ Background information

- What is the title of your chosen song?
- What is the genre of the song?
- By whom is the song written?
- By whom is the song performed? Name the members of the group (if the song is performed by a group) and provide some details of their contributions to the song i.e. “_____ does lead vocals; _____ plays bass...”
(Don’t go overboard here—it’s not the most important part of this assignment)
- Is the song a single release or is it from a CD/album? If from a CD/album, what is its title?
- Has the song won any awards? If so, which one(s) and when?
- Other details?

PART 2: Song Analysis/Interpretation

Provide a summary of the song. Start off with a **general** description (“wide-angle” view) then provide more specific details and examples to back up your ideas about the meaning(s) and the messages of the song (“close up” or “zoom”).

- To whom is the song addressed? Is it addressed to a general audience (us, as listeners), a person in particular, or is it just the performer reflecting on his/her experiences? Other?
- What, if any, is the significance of the title of the song?
- Does the song tell a story? If so, what is the story?
- In general, what is the song about? What is/are the main theme(s) of the song?
- Are there messages/lessons that the performer is trying to convey through the song? Are these explicit (obvious) or implied? If implied, what metaphors, symbolism, or other devices are used?
- **WHAT ARE THE VALUES THAT ARE EXPRESSED IN THE SONG? Give details to support your answers.
(WHAT LINES IN THE SONG CONVEY THESE VALUES?)**

***This is AN IMPORTANT part of the response.**

PART 3: Identifying Your Values and Making Connections

Having identified the message(s) and values expressed in the song, explain/describe how the song reflects YOUR OWN values.

- **WHAT ARE YOUR VALUES THAT ARE EXPRESSED IN THE SONG?**
- **LIST EACH OF YOUR VALUES MENTIONED ABOVE AND GIVE YOUR OWN DEFINITIONS OF THEM IN YOUR OWN WORDS**
- **CLEARLY EXPLAIN/DESCRIBE WHY THESE VALUES ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU**
- **PROVIDE FURTHER DETAIL OF WHY THIS SONG IS A GOOD REFLECTION OF YOU/YOUR VALUES**
Make the important connections as you further explain why you chose this song and describe in detail how and why you relate to it/it relates to you.
- **If you have your own story that relates to this song, tell the story.**

***This is THE MOST IMPORTANT piece of your response. Be sure to “dig deep”.**

PART 4: Identifying the “extras”

- What is the mood of the song?
- What is the tempo/beat of the song?
- What instruments are used in this song?
- How do the elements above contribute to the messages and tone of the song?
- * If you have seen a video for this song, describe it. Does the video reflect what you thought the song is about? Why or why not?
- Has the song been used in the soundtrack of a movie or TV show? If so, was it a “good fit”? Why or why not?
- Other?

PART 5: Wrap up/Conclusion

•Pull it all together with a **strong** conclusion summarizing the key points of the previous paragraphs. Don't just leave the reader hanging. (Don't use “In conclusion.....”)

****This assignment should be word processed.**

Due date: _____