

# Analyzing MUSIC LYRICS

*Directions: Answer each of the following questions carefully, thoughtfully, and completely after reflecting upon and reviewing the lyrics of this song.*

**Your Name:**

**Song Title:**

**Is this a cover or the original?:**

**Artist:**

**Year Released:**

**1 Theme:** What message does this song convey? What is the artist trying to get across to their audience?

**2 Connection:** What are some specific examples of how this message is relevant in today's world? How could it relate to your life, in your school, in your community, or in your country/world?

**3 Re-Title it!** What is an appropriate alternative title for this song? Why?

**4 Author's Purpose:** What purpose or agenda do you think the songwriter had in mind when composing these lyrics? Explain your thinking. Draw upon historical, political, or social events of the time period in your reflection.

**5 Music's Influence:** Do you think young people who listen to this song would be influenced by it? Could it sway their beliefs, words, or actions? Also, do songwriters have a responsibility to use their platforms for positive change?

**6 Genre:** What genre would you put this song in? Do you think the lyrics match the tempo and overall energy?

**7 Music Video:** Take a look at the music video. Do you think it matches the lyrics or does it change the meaning of the song to you?

**8 Favorite Line:** Copy your favorite lyric(s) below. Why are they your favorite?

**9 Identify:** Either Copy and Paste, or print your lyrics and mark (color-coded if possible) examples of the following: **similes**, **metaphors**, **personification**, **sound devices**, etc. Then, explain how the figurative language in this song adds a deeper layer of meaning.

**10 Symbolism:** Identify examples of imagery/symbolism, and explain what you think they represent.

**11 Tone:** Identify the **tone** of this song. How do you know? How does the point of view and word choice contribute to the tone?

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**12 Mood:** Identify the **mood** of this song. What specific words and phrases does the author use to create it?

**Either Copy and Paste, or print your lyrics and mark examples of the following:**

**13** Find your favorite line. Copy it below, or draw a star next to it

**14** Find your favorite stanza/verse. Copy it below, or put brackets around it - [ ] or { }

**15** Look for a rhyming couplet. Copy it below, or put a box around it

**16** Label the rhyme scheme. (write it out (ABABAB...) below or label it on the lyric print out.