

Your Personal Theme Song

As you have seen in various movies and television shows, songs can be applied to many aspects of our lives. Some songs remind us of people, some of events, some of places. Most stir up emotions.

Now it is your turn to expose the rest of the class to some excellent songs. You have created your soundtrack, the next step is to choose one of the songs to be your personal theme song.

Most movies have a theme song that has a message which states the lesson learned in the film or what the characters in the film stand for. Although the music for the song will play a small role in your selection, your focus needs to be on the lyrics. They must be "poetic" and meaningful. You need to find a song that reflects one or more of the following:

- Who you are as a person?
- What values and beliefs are important to you?
- How you want to live your life?
- What kind of personality you have?

After you choose your song, you need to copy the lyrics (it is ok to print these from the computer.) You also need to write at least two paragraphs answering the following:

1. Why did you choose this song? Why is it your theme song?
2. What do you like about it?
3. Address the statements listed above.

If you do not have the lyrics already, you should be able to find the lyrics on the Internet.

Later in the year, you will be asked to present your theme song to the class. We will listen to the first part of the song that you selected if you bring it in with your lyrics. So remember, this week when your parents tell you to stop listening to music, tell them you are doing your homework!

Topic Sentence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme song and purpose is stated clearly • Main reason for theme song is given 	1 pt possible _____
First Explanation w/supporting statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper support offered for first point including values, beliefs, or personality 	4 pts possible _____
Second Explanation w/supporting statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper support offered for first point including values, beliefs, or personality 	4 pts possible _____
What you like about song <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficient explanation provided in the writing 	1 pt possible _____
Evidence of Self (who you are) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can occur anywhere in paragraphs 	2 pts possible _____
Clincher Sentence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ending statement fits with topic 	1 pt possible _____
Paragraph Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraphs are reasonable lengths • Quality sentences are used 	2 pts possible _____
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar	2 pt possible _____
Total Points	17 pts possible _____