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Music Review Explanatory Essay



Prompt:

You are a music reviewer for an online music site. Your job is to create an informative music review that uses descriptive words to explain and critique a school-appropriate song of your choice. Your review should include an umbrella claim, well-developed and supported body paragraphs, and descriptive language to convey the elements of your song.

Assessment:

You will earn points for prewriting, rough drafting, and revising as well as for the final draft. Please see rubric attached for point values.

Step 1 - Prewriting

Song Title:

Artist:

Brainstorming: Listen to your song at least three times using your sensory language and vivid verbs lists to write down vivid imagery and interesting comparisons to describe each element (the three elements are suggested).

Vocals	
Lyrics	
Instruments	

Step 2 – Drafting

Using the attached prewriting grid, flesh out your ideas so that each box is completed. Be sure to include the artist, title, elements you are analyzing and a thematic statement in your umbrella claim. Then, construct a rough draft which contains all the elements of the grid. Be sure to use figurative language, imagery, and vivid verbs to bring your song to life.

Step 3 – Revising

Use your revision checklist to fully revise your essay.

Step 4 – Final Drafting

Please type using standard MLA format: Times or Arial, 12 point font, 1 inch margins, and correctly-cited sources (see handbook).

Music Review Rubric

Author: _____ **Date:** _____ **Pd.** _____

Prewriting Grid (with stamp)	_____/20
Rough Draft (with stamp)	_____/10
Revision Checklist (with stamp)	_____/20
Works Cited	_____/10
Final Draft	_____/40
Total	_____/100