

Music and... Playlist | Topic Proposal and First Playlist Entry | 20 pts.

Instructions

1. Pick a social topic that both interests you and relates to music in some way
 - Moods, emotions, and states of mind (relaxation, excitement, productivity, etc.) do not qualify as social topics for this assignment
 - A "social" topic should have a relation to society, or the ways that people connect with one another. I recommend picking a topic that you're already interested in or knowledgeable about—maybe a hobby, something related to your past experiences, or an offshoot of your planned major. If this approach doesn't work out, you can choose a song to write about first and brainstorm related topics.
2. Do some reading on your topic; find at least **three outside sources** (encyclopedias, web pages, books, journal articles, newspaper/magazine articles, etc.) that discuss your topic, including one that discusses music in some way
 - Song lyrics/interpretation websites and Wikipedia don't count toward your three sources
3. To complete your topic summary, write two to three paragraphs (around 200 words) that:
 - 1) define your social topic and
 - 2) describe some of the different ways that music relates to your topic, or how people use music in connection to your topic (to celebrate, to mourn, to dance, to think, etc.)
4. To complete your playlist entry, pick a song or piece of music that fits your topic; write around 200 words that describe:
 - 1) some of the music's social/cultural/historical background
 - 2) a musically interesting moment in the song or piece, using vocabulary from the musical elements
 - 3) how the song or piece connects to the playlist topic
5. In a bibliography/works cited section at the end, give citations for your three outside sources in either APA, MLA, or Chicago style. ***If you quote or paraphrase an outside source in your writing, you need to give credit to the source with an in-text citation, along with the bibliography citation***
 - In-text citations are a short version of the full citation included in the bibliography. They usually look like (Author's Last Name Year), or if there's no named author ("Article Title" Year). You place them at the end of the sentence where you quote or paraphrase the source.
 - For help with citations: [MLA APA Chicago](#) (I recommend APA, since most college classes will use that style)

6. Organize your assignment like the example below
- Give it a title with the topic you've chosen; for example, "Music and Agriculture"
 - In this order, include your topic summary, playlist entry, and bibliography/works cited
 - Each playlist entry needs to have the song/piece's identifying information at the top: title; performer; composer (if there is one); what year it was recorded in; and a link to the music on Spotify or Youtube

What should my topic summary and first playlist entry look like?

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Music and Agriculture Playlist

Agriculture, defined by National Geographic as "the art and science of cultivating the soil, growing crops and raising livestock," seems to have nothing to do with music. However, many different societies throughout history have understood music as an essential part of the process of growing food...

1. "Over the Rainbow," performed by Judy Garland, composed by Harold Arlen, recorded in 1939: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSZxmZmBfnU>

The song "Over the Rainbow" was originally part of the soundtrack for the movie *Wizard of Oz*, which was about a young girl named Dorothy who lives in Kansas during the time of the Dust Bowl...

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Rubric

Topic Proposal: 7 points

- ✓ 1 point for picking a social topic
- ✓ 2 points for writing about 200 words
- ✓ 2 points for defining your topic
- ✓ 2 points for describing how music relates to your topic

Playlist Entry: 8 points

- ✓ 2 points for writing about 200 words
- ✓ 2 points for describing some of the music's social/cultural/historical background
- ✓ 2 points for describing a musical moment in the song/piece, using the musical elements vocabulary
- ✓ 2 points for describing how the music relates to your topic

Bibliography/Works Cited: 3 points

- ✓ 1 point for each bibliography citation
- ✓ Points may be deducted if you forget to include in-text citations where needed

Assignment Format: 2 points

- ✓ 2 points for following the mock assignment layout