

Song Assignment

As a class, we have looked at songs that tell a “story”. We have also worked on defining the term “story” and have concluded that “stories” can be *many* things.

Your assignment is to find four songs that represent different things for you. The categories are listed below. I have attached my own example on the back of this page. Note: I have only done the full example for *one of the four* songs. You must fully analyze all four songs that you choose.

Categories

1. A song with a great story
2. A song you like that would surprise others
3. A song that makes you feel nostalgic
4. A song that makes you feel hopeful/motivated

Here is the format that you should follow for each song in your assignment:

- Category name
- The song title
- The artist’s name
- A 6-10 sentence explanation for why you chose the song for the category
- Include at least one excerpt from the song to support your ideas.

Requirements: Typed, double-spaced, size 12.

	LEVEL 5 Exceeds expectations (100-90)	LEVEL 4 Meets expectations (85-75)	LEVEL 3 Close to meeting expectations (70-60)	LEVEL 2 Not yet close to meeting expectations (55-35)
Assignment Requirements (production)	The formatting is respected for each song (category name, title, author, etc.) There are no spelling mistakes. Your analysis flows well - it is not “choppy”. Your excerpts are well integrated into your analysis. The assignment is typed, double-spaced and is in Times New Roman (MLA formatting)			
Song analysis (reading)	There is at least one excerpt used from each song (at least 4 excerpts in total). You justify why the excerpt(s) you chose help back up your point about the song. There is a comprehension/understanding of the song that is demonstrated in your analysis. You justify why each song belongs to the category that you have chosen it for. You demonstrate a general understanding of the song and how it expresses a <i>story</i> .			

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A song with a great story

“The Outskirts” by Zach Bryan

Zach Bryan has a gift of enveloping me with every song he writes. “The Outskirts”, to me, is the very song that I want playing when I’m sitting on the front porch with the one I love. This song is like a warm cup of coffee on a sunny Sunday morning. Bryan writes, “Well I want a home on the outskirts of town / Come around sundown to hear the sound / Kids and the crickets under pinkish skies” which I believe to be the perfect imagery of the life I dream of having. There is something so simple about “the country life”. While I hate hearing the cliché about this very life, I do love when artist’s capture it in their writing. This is the only life I have ever known and Bryan has a way of romanticizing it beautifully. Bryan’s definition of how to turn a house into a home always warms my heart and tells an important story, “With fireflies and some scheming eyes / We’ll turn this house into a home / Then we’ll grin in the driveway / Hell, your smile outdoes the dawn”. He is comparing his lady’s smile to something that is even greater than dawn - her smile is greater than the first light in the morning. This song is a beautiful story about how the city has *nothing* on the country and it is an ode to the beautiful life that we live in the country.

A song that I like that would surprise others

“You Shook Me All Night Long” by AC/DC

A song that makes me nostalgic

“I Lived It” by Blake Shelton

A song that makes you feel hopeful/motivated

“Made a Home” by Cody Johnson