

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

Song Analysis

Step One:

Choose a **SONG** that you like. Make sure that the lyrics have enough depth so that you have something to analyze. Your song may have a swear word or two, but keep it school appropriate (nothing graphically sexually, for example). **If your song is not appropriate, you will receive a zero on this assignment.** If you are in doubt, run the lyrics by me first.

Step Two:

Analyze the **FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE**. You must analyze **THREE** examples of figurative language (metaphor, simile, personification, hyperbole, etc.). Analyze doesn't mean identify; it means to break down and interpret. You must use quotes from the song and analyze what they mean. To do this: **(1)** identify the figurative language exemplified in a quote, and **(2)** analyze what that means and how it contributes to the meaning of the song. **Each analysis of figurative language must be one well-developed paragraph.**

Step Three:

Identify a **THEME** and examine how that theme is developed throughout the song. A theme is a statement about how things are in the world, which can focus on the nature of humanity, the nature of society, the relationship between humanity and nature, or perhaps ethical responsibility. Here are some questions to consider when determining and examining a theme: What is the central conflict and how is it (if ever) resolved? What does the artist learn about himself or herself? What, in general, does the song reveal about life or people? **Your analysis of a theme should be one well-developed paragraph, and it should include at least two quotes from the song.**

