

# English III: American Literature

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Assignment 2: Analyze a Popular Song—part 2

### OBJECTIVES/CHECKPOINTS

- Write a short persuasive essay using your choice of lyric as a means of explaining your preference in music.
- Use four of the following ten terms correctly when discussing the song:

metaphor	diction	conceit	theme	purpose
speaker	narration	rhyme scheme	mood	imagery
- Be sure to explain how the chosen lyric provides a relatable story.

### DUE DATES

September 28, Wednesday	Declare Song Choice
September 30, Friday, due end of class	Tentative Thesis
October 5, Friday, due start of class	Project due

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Create an interesting, intricate, descriptive introduction which clearly shows the focus of your essay and leads the reader into subsequent paragraphs.
2. Create a **value claim** detailing why you find the lyric to be successful:  
*For example:* “Kate Bush’s song “Running up That Hill” is my favorite pop song because—”
3. Be sure all paragraphs are fully developed with clear purpose:
  - strong topic sentences
  - be decisive in your subjective opinions
  - use five or more sentences per paragraph
4. Supply an additional page with the full song lyrics. Censor any inappropriate lyrics.  
*For example:* d—, f—
5. Follow standard MLA guidelines: (visit: [www.davidglensmith.com/Huntsville/images/guidelines.doc](http://www.davidglensmith.com/Huntsville/images/guidelines.doc))
  - heading/header
  - margins
  - format ¶s/indent
  - double space
  - Times New Roman, 12 point
6. Do not talk to the audience. Do not use forms of the pronoun “you.”
7. Punctuation and spelling are used correctly.
8. Utilize correct grammar and sentence structures.
9. **Essay Length: at least three full paragraphs.**
10. See attached rubric for additional graded items.