604-103-LI

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**Instructions: Midterm Oral Evaluation**

**Part 1 - Video Presentation**

For the first part of your oral evaluation, you are going to record a short video presentation about a rap song of your choice from [list](http://604-103-mq.weebly.com/songs-for-midterm-presentation.html).

You will need to record a video of yourself using your cellphone or your webcam. The quality of the video is not that important if the audio is clear and loud enough. Listen to your video on your computer and if you need to have the volume at 100% to understand yourself, please re-record the video closer to the microphone.

Use visual support such as a PowerPoint or Prezzi presentation. It will help you structure your presentation better and will make it more visually engaging. If you want to imitate the webcam-in-the-corner format I have been using for the course, you can use the free [Screencast-o-Matic app](https://screencast-o-matic.com/).

The video should be **at least** 3 1/2 minutes long and include the following elements:

1. **Introduction:**

* Song’s writer(s)
* Year of release
* Artist who performed the song
* Short bio of the artist (details that are *relevant* to your analysis only)

1. **Analysis**

* Summary of the song
* Explanation of the message of the song and its main theme(s) *THIS IS WHERE YOU SHOULD HAVE A THESIS STATEMENT SUCH AS* “In the song “The Blacker the Berry,” Kendrick Lamar explores the various types of racism faced by the Black community in America.”
* Explanation of the context surrounding the song. (Does the song react to the reality of a specific time? Does it react to or criticize a specific situation?)
* Presentation of the main literary devices used (metaphors, similes, internal rhymes, double entendre)
* Close reading of a short passage (one or two bars of the song that you break down in more depth)
* The answer to the question “What does the song reveal about the Black experience in America?”

1. **Conclusion**

* Is the song/artist successful at what it is trying to do?
* Feel free to share your opinion
* Can you recommend similar songs or songs with a similar message?

When your video is recorded, please upload it to YouTube or Google Drive (either as PRIVATE or UNLISTED) and copy the link in the assignment submission box on Teams. If you put it as private, you might have to send me a personal invitation, please use [simon.cotemassicotte@gmail.com](mailto:simon.cotemassicotte@gmail.com).

**Part 2 – One-on-One call on Teams with your teacher**

In the weeks following the submission of your video, you will have to make an appointment with me to discuss your presentation.

During this short chat, I will ask you some additional questions about your presentation and/or rap music to make sure that you have understood the material properly and that you are able to improvise and provide more in-depth analysis.

This call should take about 5 minutes.