How to Analyse a Song

## Instructions

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Research the song's subject. Explore what the song is written about and why the artist chose the topic. Read about the artist to understand why he wrote the song; for example, an artist may have written a song about San Francisco because he lived there for six months. Understand the song completely before breaking it down for analysis.

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Explain the meaning of the words. Break the song down line-by-line to interpret it. Discuss how it reaches out to the audience and what the artist is trying to say. Single out specific phrases or words that capture your attention, and explain why they do.

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Analyze how the song is executed with instruments, melodies and tempos. The melody and tempo affect how the song sounds; explore how they relate to the lyrics. The melody and tempo may or may not match the lyrics in mood; explore how this affects the meaning of the song.

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Show the emotional effects of this song. Point out specific emotional parts of the song and what people may relate to in the song.

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Decide upon the overall meaning of the song, and explain how successful the artist is in conveying that meaning to the audience.