

In-Class Presentation Assignment

COURSE

Music 1

INSTRUCTOR

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ASSIGNMENT OVERVIEW

Once during the semester, you will choose a piece of music significant to you in some way and present it to the class. This could be a song you listened to growing up, a piece that you heard live in concert, or simply a recently discovered song that you have on repeat. You will present to the class the song's technical features, using vocabulary and concepts discussed in class, and the social context of its creation and use. The goals of this assignment are to increase your comfort level with discussing music on an analytical level and to practice oral presentation skills.

POINTS AVAILABLE

50 points

REQUIREMENTS

No later than **Monday, February 3**, you should sign up for a date on which to present in class by putting your name in an open slot on the Excel spreadsheet posted on Blackboard under "Assignments."

On your assigned date, you will give a presentation **no more than 5 minutes in length** at the beginning of class. Please arrive a few minutes early for class so that you are prepared to begin right away. Your presentation should include:

- A description of your chosen piece's musical features using technical vocabulary and concepts discussed in class (melody, rhythm, meter, register, instrumentation, dynamics, etc.).
- A brief discussion of the social context of the piece of music's creation and use, its relation to any relevant social issues, and how you feel the music reflects (or doesn't reflect) this social context.
- An audio sample **no longer than 1 minute**. If you plan to play an audio sample, please email me the link along with any timestamps at least one day in advance of your presentation date.

GRADING

Application of vocabulary and concepts from class to the chosen piece of music	15 points
Relation of the chosen piece of music to its social context and any relevant social issues	15 points
Preparation and logical organization of ideas	10 points
Clear, audible speaking and confident presentation	10 points

