

Music 112

Music Analysis #1

PURPOSE

Throughout the semester you will be listening to several pieces of music from various era, genres, and styles. The purpose of these listening exercises is to:

- develop your critical listening skills
- develop your analytical skills
- improve your ability to identify a variety of styles and forms of music
- apply prior knowledge to new listening experiences
- Demonstrate your understanding of the connection of music to events and ideas in history.
- Demonstrate your understanding of how composers manipulate elements(form, tempo, etc.) to elicit a specific response from their listener.

TASK

You will do a critical analysis of two songs, one original, and one cover of the same song, of your choice, by comparing and contrasting the "music elements" of each song.

PROCESS

Critically listen to the original song and make note of each *element* by referring to notes that you have made in class. Follow the same practice for the cover version. Next, you will listen, compare, and document how the two pieces are alike, and different. Make note of your likes, dislikes, and preferences for each version, which version you ultimately prefer, and WHY. Give ACCURATE DETAILS and examples to explain your choice.

FORMAT

Choice one: Written paragraph form.

Choice two: **Compare/Contrast Chart** with a written conclusion.

EVALUATION