Music Appreciation- project 1

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Your project consist on listening and analyzing your chosen song, following certain guidelines.

You will create a power point presentation explaining your findings and will present to the class.

Some of you will work in teams of 2.
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You need to analyze its meter/ tempo/ and instrumentation by tomorrow – also
Also BRING the lyrics to your chosen song
Listening activity

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<th>BEAT/meter &amp; Tempo –</th>
<th>Mood – what feeling is the song giving you? Happy or sad? Calm or dramatic? exciting or relaxing? etc</th>
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<td>Instruments –</td>
<td>what instruments can you identify?</td>
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<td>STYLE –</td>
<td>what style do you think this is?</td>
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• USE the table you copied at the DO NOW

• **Listen** to the two examples being played and determine the items on the table

• **Discuss with elbow partner- share**
Other Music elements: **FORM:**

Form is the structure of a composition, or the way it is organized (put together).

- There are **two** ways to describe form. One is to simply give a **name** to a form that is very **common**. The other one involves **labeling** each large section with a **letter**.
Describing **FORM**

Letters can be used to identify where the different parts of the music are.

- Starting with “A”, a new letter is used every time there is a new part.

**DO THIS:** with your elbow partner, identify the form of Twinkle, little star:

____________________    Share
Describing **FORM** in pop songs

In pop songs, the common lay out is:
A for the 1\textsuperscript{st} verse (A’ = vs 2, A’’ = vs 3, etc)
B for the Refrain
C for the Bridge.
There may also be some instrumental parts.

** Trick: use the lyrics of the song to find the parts above**
Describing FORM in pop songs:

- **Verses** have the same *melody* but different *words* – label as Part A, A’, A’’, etc.
- **Refrains** have the *same* melody and the *same* words -- label as Part B
- **Bridge Sections** are *new* material that appears *once* or twice, often in *place* of a verse and usually leading into the refrain.
- **Instrumentals** are important sections that have no vocals. They can come at the beginning or end, or in between other sections.
FORM activity.... cont

- Get in a group of 2-3 people.
- You are being given the lyrics to a popular song.
- The song will be played in class several times.
- Analyze it and determine the form of the song following the explanation given.
- Share....
Other Music elements: MOOD:

**MOOD:** Refers to the feelings that a piece of music gives to the listener.

It can be described with adjectives such as:

a) happy/ sad
b) dramatic/ calm
c) exciting/ relaxing
d) heavy/ light
e) Playful/ serious... etc

**DO THIS:** With your elbow partner, find other ways to describe MOOD
MUSICAL STYLE

It is a description of a music piece that has a special character or sound and is derived from its music elements.

Some styles may share some characteristics with another, especially if they have similar roots. Others, can be distinctively different.

For style, it doesn’t matter how many music elements a piece has, what matters is how these elements are used to convey a musical idea.
Categories of musical styles

http://library.thinkquest.org/15413/styles/styles.htm

Here are some examples of STYLES:

• Caribbean
• Classical (or ART music)
• Folk
• Jazz
• Latin
• R & B
• Rock and Roll
What is GROOVE?

- The GROOVE of a style is the cohesive rhythmic “feel” that marks each style. For instance, the groove of rock:

- http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/3/3f/Characteristic_rock_drum_pattern.mid
Summary: what determines a musical style?

• Closing – what determines a musical style? Chose one:
  a) How many music elements has.
  b) How difficult the song or piece is.
  c) How or in which way the music elements are used or applied.