

Handout

Interpreting and Analyzing a Song

NAME _____**DATE** _____**Directions:**

Select the song that you will be analyzing. If the song needs to be translated into a different language for you to analyze it, do that first. If there are any words or phrases in the song that are unfamiliar to you, research them before you begin completing this form. Use this graphic organizer to analyze the song you have selected. This document may be used as your prewriting for an essay of one or two pages analyzing the song and explaining its significance to either the creator or yourself. When you turn in this form, please include the lyrics of the song and your essay or other required materials.

Name of song _____

Content

What is the topic of the song? What lyrics stand out to you the most? Why do they stand out?

Context

In what country or region did the song originate or what countries, U.S. region influenced this song? What historical, cultural, social, or political information is relevant and important to know to understand the song?

Significance

Based on the content and context of the song, what makes it important? How does it help to preserve culture or history?

Reflections

Why is the song important to you? What are your personal thoughts and opinions about the song?