

ANNOTATING YOUR LYRICS FOR WRITING #6 - HIP-HOP/RAP ANALYSIS

Analyzing/Annotating your lyrics: Use the review tab functions to be able to highlight and type comments in the margins. Be sure to do all the items listed here.

- Genre – What makes this rap/hip-hop?
- Message – What is the writer/rapper trying to say?
- Audience – Who do you feel like the intended audience is?
- Purpose – Why deliver this message to this audience?
- Context – How do the outside influences or circumstances of elements like time, geography, references, etc. show themselves? How is this important?
- Pathos – How does the song make you feel? Where is there an example of this?
- Logos – What proof or evidence does the rapper use to make their points?
- Ethos – Why would we listen to what this rapper says? What credibility do they have?
- Kairos – Notice where the writer seems to use the “right” appeal at the “right” time
- Read Like a Writer: Look for extras like specific word choice, rhyme, rhythm, figurative language, symbolism, outside references, theme, etc. (basically literary elements) and point them out.

MOST IMPORTANT: Your annotations need to be YOURS!! Don't plagiarize.

Tech Steps:

1. Open your Dropbox – and go to your DRAFTS folder.
2. Choose YourLastnameLyrics.docx and work RIGHT ON your lyrics.
3. Use the REVIEW tab to be able to highlight & add comments in the margins.
4. Make sure you address all the items in the list above.
5. Work on this writing in your drafts folder until you are satisfied that it has all the annotations you intend.
6. Keep the doc title Yourlastname Lyrics (not literally – replace that with YOUR last name)
7. Leave it in your DRAFTS folder.
8. THIS document is your LYRICS + ANNOTATIONS.
9. DO NOT share the document. I already have access to your folders so that is an unnecessary step.