

## WRITING #4 - MRS. C'S ENGLISH

### REVIEW - FILM OR MUSIC (CREATED BY BLACK ARTISTS)

Study the reviews of music (song or album) or film (*Get Out*) that we looked at in class (they are linked to the days on the [mrsconnollysclass.com](http://mrsconnollysclass.com) site).

Things to notice:

- The length – double-spaced these are about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a page
  - Start with one opening and straightforward sentence
  - Write some summary (without major spoilers) and some commentary or opinion
  - Comparisons to other work by the artist
  - Comparisons to work of other artists (of the same genre and/or time period)
  - Opinion on whether this work is worth viewing/listening to
  - If you use quotes from the work itself, be sure to put them in quotation marks
  - End with one powerful sentence that captures the essence of the piece reviewed
  - Title it something relevant (or something simple)
1. Choose your own song, album, or film by any black artist.
  2. Watch, listen to, and study the piece you choose.
  3. Think about what kind of critique, both positive and constructively critical, you can offer as a listener/reader/watcher.
  4. You could consider the example reviews a pattern or template and mimic the reviewer's structure and style.
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5. Craft your own review in a style that suits you.
  6. **MOST IMPORTANT: Your review needs to be YOURS!! Don't plagiarize.**

Tech Steps:

1. Use Google docs to start a new document. Do this through GClassroom by going through the classwork tab and this assignment – then, it will appear where it should.
2. Name it YourLastName Writing 4(not literally – replace that with YOUR last name).
3. Just use a regular font size (the default is good). Please set the spacing to double.
4. Write your review. Be sure to shift paragraphs where ideas shift. (And when you quote bigger portions of text).