

Crime in Song

Instructions:

1. Research a song from any genre – pop, hip hop, metal, country – that is about crime or criminal activity. The song can make reference to crime directly, or can be used to describe an indirect crime, such as breaking someone’s heart, etc.
2. Print the song lyrics out.
3. Answer the following questions:
 - A) Describe what the song is about (its message, or theme).
 - B) Choose 5 lines from the song which make reference to crime, acts of crime, thoughts about crime, or the negative results of crime.
 - C) In a paragraph, describe why the song appeals to you. Be specific.
 - D) Design an album cover using the theme of your chosen song. You may incorporate images from the internet. **Do not use the pre-existing album cover art or images.** Design something yourself.

Staple, in this order:

Page 1: Album cover art	/5
2: Print-out of your song	/2
3: Write-up (A and B)	/7
	/3 (grammar & spelling)
4. Paragraph	/15 (see attached rubric)

/32 total

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Song: _____

Artist: _____

A) Describe what the song is about (its message, or theme). (2 marks)

B) Choose 5 lines from the song which make reference to crime, acts of crime, thoughts about crime, or the negative results of crime. (5 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Paragraph – Grading Rubric

	3 points	2 points	1 point
<u>Topic Sentence:</u> - Gets reader's attention - Introduces main idea of paragraph - Complete sentence	3 requirements met	2 requirements met	1 requirement met
<u>Supporting Sentences:</u> - At least 4 complete sentences - Each gives new details or information - Each matches with the main idea	3 requirements met	2 requirements met	1 requirement met
<u>Concluding Sentence:</u> - Restates the topic sentence - Wraps up the ideas in the paragraph - Complete sentence	3 requirements met	2 requirements met	1 requirement met
<u>Interesting:</u> - Holds reader's attention - Good details and facts used - Creates a clear picture in the reader's mind	3 requirements met	2 requirements met	1 requirement met
Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation, Capitalization.	Correct throughout	1-3 errors	4 or more errors

Total = _____/15

Album Cover Art: Criteria

- ✓ Album artwork (images, colours, fonts used, etc.) relates to the song and its theme or message (3 marks)
- ✓ Is creative and visually appealing (1 mark)
- ✓ Shows time and effort (1 mark)

Total = _____/5