

Create Your Own Soundtrack

You are to come up with a list of **10 to 15** songs that **best** represent your life and who you are. For each song on your list, you must also include the artist. Then, you are to write a sentence or two explaining why that song is important enough to be on your soundtrack. Lastly, choose **one** song to be your title track. Explain thoroughly (in about 1 paragraph) why that song is your title track.

Here are your step by step instructions:

1. Compile your list of songs
2. List the artist with each song
3. Write one sentence explaining your song choice.
4. Write a paragraph defending your title track.
5. Turn it in!

Attached you will find my list. You should use this as an example of what I am looking for. I hope that in reading your lists, I will get to know you better. That is what this assignment is about! So, be thoughtful and do your very best! I can't wait to read your answers!

Whatever you don't finish in class becomes homework.

Due _____

****Keep in mind that your soundtracks will change over the years. I just want your soundtrack for 7th grade. Every year, as you change, so will your soundtrack. It's fun to make one every once in a while and look back on them from time to time!****

Miss Sinclair's Soundtrack

1. "Alleluja" by W.A. Mozart, performed by Sarah Brightman

I chose this song because it best represents my love for Classical music which is partly what inspired me to become a teacher!

2. "Born to Be My Baby" by Bon Jovi

I love 80s rock, specifically Bon Jovi. This song in particular is one of their lesser known songs. As a listener I tend to gravitate to songs that do not hit the radio waves. This song represents my love of Bon Jovi and also exemplifies my appreciation for the songs that don't become popular.

3. "High School Never Ends" by Bowling For Soup

One of my favorite things about current popular music is the creativity in lyrics. Bowling For Soup always uses creative lyrics, which is my main reason for liking them in the first place. And, this song beautifully illustrates the sad fact that the "high school stereotypes" never really go away.

4. "The Last Words You Said" by Sarah Brightman - TITLE TRACK

After my dad passed away, I became very conscious of what I said to my loved ones when I left them. The last thing I said to my dad before he died wasn't very nice. Now, I always want the last thing I say to a loved one to be something kind and loving. I end every phone conversation with, "I love you" and I leave every person with a tight hug. This song is what inspired me even more to be aware of what I say to those I love. I chose it as my title track because it has become so much a part of who I am. I also chose it because my dad is always with me. In his death, he still managed to teach me a very valuable lesson about life, love, and appreciation.

5. "Gives You Hell" by All American Rejects

Sometimes life is just hard. At some point, your heart breaks. At some point, you have to get over it and that is what I love about this song! It is a favorite of mine to listen to when I run, too. I pump my arms in the air on the chorus and it motivates me to keep running!

6. "Cry Me a River" by Ella Fitzgerald

My dad used to sing me this song when I would cry or complain about stupid things. It used to drive me crazy as a kid, but as an adult it reminds me of him.

7. "Are You Gonna Be My Girl" by Jet

The beginning introduction of this song is what I hear in my head whenever I enter a room. It commands attention and is full of energy that builds from the first note to the last.

8. "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" by Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell

I have been so blessed with wonderful friends who have proven to me again and again that nothing will keep any of them from being there for me whenever I need them. When it comes right down to it, when I need them there is nothing that "can keep me from gettin' to you".

9. "Come On Eileen" by Dexy's Midnight Run

This song reminds me of my very best friend. When we were in college, we used to blast this song in our room and dance like crazy!

10. "Faithful to Me" by Jennifer Knapp

In my life, there have always been difficulties. People let you down. Your heart breaks. Things just don't go the way they should. This song reminds me that God is always faithful to me - even in the hardest of times.

11. "A Little Fall of Rain" from *Les Miserables*

This song ignited my deep love of musical theater. The composers turned strong emotion into a beautiful melody with poetic lyrics.

12. "The Book of Love" by Peter Gabriel

This song was the first dance at my brother's wedding. I chose it because the day he got married was a day he never thought would happen. He is so happy now and that makes me happy.

13. "We Didn't Start the Fire" by Billy Joel

This song represents not only my love for rock music, but my love for history. Joel chronicles the most major political and social events in our American history beginning in the 1960s and he puts it to music! For me, it doesn't get better than that!

14. "Have a Little Faith in Me" by Mandy Moore

As a person, I make some of the worst mistakes imaginable. But, what I want is for my friends and family to have some faith in me. I'll get it right eventually!

15. "Sugar High" by Coyote Shivers

My favorite years were my college years. This song embodies the four years I spent in college. It reminds me of the friendships I made and the fun I had.