**Playlist Reflection**

Due by 11:59 on November 24

Part of the final ePortfolio Grade

Approx. 750 words

So far this semester you have written an About Me, a Profile, and a Putrid Song Memoir. While you have been working on these assignments, you have also experienced a semester of college life. You may have attended football games and parties. You may have made new friends or ended friendships that you thought would last forever. You may have realized that what you thought you wanted to do is not at all what you want to do. In this assignment, you will reflect upon the entirety of this first semester, academic and non, and provide a soundtrack for your past few months.

In this assignment, you will choose **four** songs to write about that speak to your college experience. Perhaps it is a song that you remember singing aloud with friends after a long night. Or a song that someone played for you and it reminds you of them. You are writing four “mini-essays” about each of the songs and why they mean something to you, as well as how they perfectly capture that particular moment. An organizational method might be breaking things down by month: a song that reminded you of August, September, October, and November.

The more specific advice the better. Rather than saying, “This song makes me think of my friends,” you could tell a story about a specific time you spent with friends and how this song or its lyrics played into that memory. You should talk about a mixture of social things and academic things.

You will not be judged or reported for mentioning drinking or other illicit activities, but you should remember that I’m a mandated reporter, meaning that if you write about sexual assault then I am required to report it (if you would like help reporting something I can also direct you to the appropriate place).

As you write your essay keep in mind that although this is in some sense not a traditional essay, your writing must have some sort of organizational quality. For example you may want to use a different song or lyrics for each paragraph, section or even title of your essay. Remember that the inclusion of songs and lyrics to your essay is not merely to make this activity more fun, instead think that adding these elements will help create a writing piece that is more meaningful, rich, and engaging. Think about how each song or lyrics you select can help to add meaning to your words. Besides showing and not merely telling, the usage of lyrics and songs will also allow your readers a chance to hear what your essay is about.

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