

08.12 - Discussion "Southern Man" & "Sweet Home Alabama" - "Southern Man", "Sweet Home Alabama" 3

INSTRUCTIONS: Listen to the two songs and follow the lyrics listed below. Formulate ideas and opinions regarding what you heard (and read). Make an initial discussion post no later than Friday, October 23 by 11:59 pm. Your initial post should be roughly two-three sentences or a short paragraph, and **SHOULD** be in **your** own words. **No plagiarism.**

- **Post your initial** reaction by **Thursday, October 22 (11:59 pm)** (*points will be deducted for late initial posts*)
- **Reply to two (2) other comment threads** by **Friday, October 23(11:59 pm)** (*points will be deducted for less than 2-reply posts*)

ASSIGNMENT: Look at the lyrics for Neil Young's "Southern Man" and listen to the entire song. Follow this by listening to Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama," also referencing its lyrics. Notice the verse of "Sweet Home Alabama" that directly addresses Young's criticism of the American South (Verse 1).

- Are there other references to (stereotypical) southern life in both songs? This should demonstrate how the American South was portrayed both by itself and by outsiders.
- What other songs from the same era demonstrate this?
- Are there any songs today that address misconceptions or stereotypes?
- Other thoughts or opinions?

Neil Young, "Southern Man"-

<https://genius.com/Neil-young-southern-man-lyrics>

Lynyrd Skynyrd, "Sweet Home Alabama"

<https://genius.com/Lynyrd-skynyrd-sweet-home-alabama-lyrics>

For Reference:

NPR Article: Unfurling 'Sweet Home Alabama,' A Tapestry Of Southern Discomfort

<https://www.npr.org/2018/12/17/676863591/sweet-home-alabama-lynnyrd-skynyrd-southern-discomfort-american-anthem>

[\(Links to an external site.\)](#)

Lynyrd Skynyrd: Inside the Band's Complicated History With the South

<https://www.rollingstone.com/music/music-country/lynnyrd-skynyrd-inside-the-bands-complicated-history-with-the-south-629080/>

[\(Links to an external site.\)](#)

15 things we have to explain about the song 'Sweet Home Alabama'

https://www.al.com/entertainment/2014/04/15_things_we_have_to_explain_a.html