

Group Presentation Create a Playlist

For this assignment, you are going to use music to explore a personal theme in three stages.

Pick at least 10 songs that explore a theme in *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. **For each of the 10 songs**, you should explain how the song represents an aspect of the story or the character's life.

Here's an example:

Theme: Love

Song Title: "Ain't No Sunshine When She's Gone"

Artist (singer or group who performs the song): Bill Withers

What does this song represent to you? When my wife was on vacation with her mother and sister, it made me realize how much I take her presence for granted.

Why did you choose this song? I chose this song because it represents my current life—my mood is often dependent on my wife, which surprised me. I felt like Bill Withers was describing my exact situation: there was not sunshine when she was gone. Love has changed the way I react to every situation.

For this assignment, be sure that you use specific details and examples to explain your choices. Also, make sure we know why the specific song relates to you. It might be a good idea to quote a short passage from the song, or you might end up summarizing the overall tone or message of the song to explain what impact it had on you.