

Is Today's Popular Music Really Bad?

Writing Assignment

This requires you to read the article handed out in class, watch the videos on the Blackboard site, and then answer the questions below. The questions do not necessarily have any correct answers, but you need to justify your claims or opinions by referencing the videos, the article, or things we have learned in class.

This assignment is worth 24 points (8 points per question). Grading will be based primarily on whether you fully answer each question (3 points per question) and provide a justification for your answers (3 points per question). The additional two points for each question will be based on grammar, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and other aspects of the quality of your writing.

- 1) Summarize the basic arguments for the claim that popular music in the 21st century has gotten worse compared to popular music from the late 20th century. Make sure you identify the source of the claims or information you mention (which source you got it from, and when research
- 2) Which of these arguments do you agree with (if any) and why? Which (if any) do you NOT agree with (and why?). Even if you do not agree, why do you think so many people claim that popular music has gotten worse over time?
- 3) What do you think will happen in popular music over the next few decades? Be sure and give a justification for your prediction, based either on history, the arguments summarized in the videos and the article, your knowledge of musical styles, or your own personal experience as a “music consumer”.

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