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**Critically Reviewing Music (50 Points)**

At its heart a music review is your opinion, meant to answer a simple question – is the song or album you listened to worth your money? It isn’t meant to be an epic-length piece on whether your band or artist prefers taking hikes in the mountains or going fishing; that would be a music feature. A good reviewer needs to incorporate information and show some knowledge of features of the particular song or album being reviewed.

For this assignment, your job is to listen to and analyze at least five (5) different songs. While some of the songs can be from the same artist and album, please go for some kind of a variety, whether they are from different genres, artists, etc.

Complete the attached chart for your analysis. In your analysis, for each song, identify the:

* Genre
* The song’s vocals
* The types of instruments being used? Specifically, how are some instruments emphasized over the others?
* Repeated lyrics? Words? Chorus?
* What is the song about? What is the message or statement that the artist is making?
* Final Grade – you choose the grading scale; 1-10; A-F; “three drumsticks out of five,” etc.
* Your overall review of the song – what are the song’s strengths? Weaknesses? Why did it receive this particular grade? ***Please answer in complete sentences and be thoughtful in your responses***.

Feel free to use the back of the sheet if in case you run out of room (which you very well may).