

## Past and Present!

Your assignment is to compare 2 songs.

One song must be from the past (older than 1930)  
and the other song should be from today (no older than 5 years old).

You must discuss the following musical terms when you compare the 2 songs:

**Pitch:** how high or low the notes sound

**Tempo:** The speed of the music

**Duration:** The length of the song and its different sections (if it has different sections)

**Timbre:** the overall tone of the song (rich, deep, nasal, choppy, flat, etc.)

**Harmony:** when different notes are played at the exact same time, how do they sound together?  
 Are they “in harmony” or do they “clash against” each other?

This is a research assignment. You will be responsible for completing this project on your own time. It must have an introduction, body, and conclusion. It must be written like a proper essay with complete sentences and paragraphs to keep your ideas organized.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Introduction	No clear introduction	The intro does not clearly explain the topic	The intro explains the topic but is lacking some details	The intro explains the topic in good detail
Pitch, Tempo, Duration, Timbre and Harmony	Not included	Some elements mentioned but not enough detail	Most music elements are mentioned and explained with some clarity	All music elements are discussed and explained with good detail and clear examples
Conclusion	No clear conclusion	Conclusion completes writing but is too brief	Conclusion somewhat completes writing but lacks clarity	Conclusion completes writing in a clear way
Organization of ideas	Ideas need to be better organized	Writing has some organization	Writing is mostly organized into proper sentences and paragraphs	Writing is well organized in proper paragraphs and complete sentences
Song choice	YES or NO - Have you chosen one song older than 1930 and current song no older than 1990?			

Comments:

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\* Rough copy template for your brainstorming

Introduction ideas:

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Music elements of both songs

Pitch:

Past song

Present song

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Tempo:

Past song

Present song

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Duration:

Past song

Present song

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Timbre:

Past song

Present song

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Harmony:

Past song

Present song

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Conclusion ideas:

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Body (Main ideas)