

Pop Window Work

Today, I'm going to give you a tool for thinking about the social history of a song.

Step One

To do that you will get into groups of three, open up the "Pop Window" handout on our page, and then divide up the tasks.

Step Two

After dividing up the tasks, you will all select a song to analyze, using one of the free song sites below:

- Old Songs: <http://www.publicdomain4u.com/>
- Even Older Songs: <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/speccoll/pa/cylindersgenre.html>
- Rap Songs: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hip_hop_music
- Current Popular Bands: <http://www.myspace.com/>

Step Three

Be ready to present what you find out to us all. Be ready to talk about the way that music seems to work—via the "pop window."