

## My Life Soundtrack and Theme Song

Teens these days are accustomed to the combination of text, images, and music to express meaning. In this project teens will create autobiographies, adding music selections to their life stories. This activity will combine words, images, and music. It requires the student to think about literacy in a different way.

### STEP ONE:

Brainstorm at least ten major event in your life.

Examples:

- a. first day of school (e.g., preschool, kindergarten, first grade, middle school, high school)
- b. a special family trip or vacation
- c. a family event or milestone
- d. a personal achievement (e.g., first place in a competition)
- e. a personal loss

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STEP TWO: Out of the ten events, pick ONLY FIVE!!! I know it is hard, but you can do it.

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### STEP THREE:

Write a paragraph for each event. How did you feel,? Why do you remember this event? WHY is it so important?

Example:

- a. I remember the first time I went to preschool; it was a very scary thing for me. My older sister was put in another classroom and I was all by myself. I was a complete wimp!! I started to cry as soon as I saw my mom walk out the door. But all would be okay, I met a boy named Ernie. I still recall to this day what Ernie looked like. He had blonde hair, blue eyes, and wore a corduroy hat. We played in the sandbox, he was Superman and I was Lois Lane. I think part of me still loves Ernie to this day.

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#### STEP FOUR:

Using your events, think about the how you described them and connect a song to each events.

a. You've Got a Friend In Me by Randy Newman

Example: You've got a friend in me

You've got a friend in me

When the road looks rough ahead

And you're miles and miles

From your nice warm bed

You just remember what your old pal said

Boy, you've got a friend in me

Yeah, you've got a friend in me

1. You MUST print the segment of lyrics that you feel most apply to your story.
2. You can print the whole lyrics to the song and highlight the part that means the most if you choose.

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#### STEP FIVE:

YOUR THEME SONG: You are to come up with a theme song. Just like when baseball players come up to bat, what song do you want to play every time you "come up to bat?"

By the end of your soundtrack you will have six songs for your "CD".

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#### STEP SIX:

Design a CD cover.

CD Cover Creator: <http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/cd-dvd/>

If you use your own artwork you will get extra credit!!

Artistic /20

Title: /20

#### EXTRA CREDIT:

You can burn your own CD with your selected music.

TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE: /220