

## **ANNOTATING LYRICS FOR WRITING #6 – HIP-HOP/RAP ANALYSIS**

Analyzing/Annotating your lyrics: Use the review tab functions to be able to highlight and type comments in the margins. OR Print out your lyrics and use a physical highlighter & pen to annotate. (If you choose analog, be prepared to submit your annotation page to Mrs. C). Be sure to do all the items listed here.

- *Genre* – What makes this rap/hip-hop?
- *Message* – What is the writer/rapper trying to say?
- *Audience* – Who do you feel like the intended audience is?
- *Purpose* – Why deliver this message to this audience?
- *Context* – How do the outside influences or circumstances of elements like time, geography, references, etc. show themselves? How is this important?
- *Pathos* – How does the song make you feel? Where is there an example of this?
- *Logos* – What proof or evidence does the rapper use to make their points?
- *Ethos* – Why would we listen to what this rapper says? What credibility do they have?
- *Kairos* – Notice where the writer seems to use the “right” appeal at the “right” time
- *Read Like a Writer*: Look for extras like specific word choice, rhyme, rhythm, figurative language, symbolism, outside references, theme, etc. (basically literary elements) and point them out.

**MOST IMPORTANT: Your annotations need to be YOURS!! Don't plagiarize.**

**\*HOW TO CHOOSE A SONG:** Look for a piece that is word-filled & text-rich. Listen to it LOTS of times (watch the video if you want). Locate the lyrics and get *really* familiar with them. Be sure to pick a text that says “something”—something meaningful not something obscene. You do not have to censor profanity, but you may if you prefer.

### Tech Details:

- I want to see your effort at annotation. You may do this digitally, by either typing or copy/pasting the lyrics into an MSWord doc and then using the features like underline, highlight, and the review-comment (like you do on WRITE CLUB papers) to annotate in the margins. OR You may print out your lyrics and work on them with physical highlighters, pens, etc.
- Put the lyrics in Dropbox in your DRAFTS folder and name the document YourLastnameLYRICS.docx
- If you do the annotations digitally, change the doc name to YourLastnameANNOLYRICS.docx
- If you choose analog annotations, take a picture or scan of your annotations and upload them into your DRAFTS folder. Name them YourLastnameANNOLYRICS. (then whatever extension is appropriate - .jpg, .png, .pdf)