

Write to Learns

11th Grade

3rd Term

WTL #15

It is a new year (2014) and a new semester.

What are your goals?

-One must be educational, the others can be anything.

WTL #16A

- WTL #16A Read the following lyrics: WTL- Write what you think the song is about. Include 2 lines from the song that prove or suggest your idea. Then write what you think the tone is (see vocab word Tone).

Some Nights

Some nights I stay up cashing in my bad luck Some nights I call it a draw Some nights I wish that my lips could build a castle Some nights I wish they'd just fall off

But I still wake up, I still see her ghost Oh, Lord, I'm still not sure what I stand for, oh What do I stand for? What do I stand for? Most nights I don't know anymore... This is it, boys, this is war - what are we waiting for? Why don't we break the rules already? I was never one to believe the hype Save that for the black and white Try twice as hard and I'm half as liked, But here they come again to jack my style

That's alright; I found a martyr in my bed tonight Stops my bones from wondering just who I, who I, who I am Oh, who am I? Mmm... Mmm...

Well, some nights I wish that this all would end 'Cause I could use some friends for a change. And some nights I'm scared you'll forget me again Some nights I always win, I always win...

So this is it. I sold my soul for this? Washed my hands of God for this? I miss my mom and dad for this? No. When I see stars, when I see, when I see stars, that's all they are When I hear songs, they sound like this one, so come on. Oh, come on. Oh, come on. Oh, come on! Well, that is it guys, that is all - five minutes in and I'm bored again Ten years of this, I'm not sure if anybody understands This one is not for the folks at home; Sorry to leave, mom, I had to go Who the heck wants to die alone all dried up in the desert sun?

My heart is breaking for my sister and the con that she called "love" When I look into my nephew's eyes... Man, you wouldn't believe the most amazing things that can come from... Some terrible nights... ah...ah... The other night you wouldn't believe the dream I just had about you and me I called you up and we'd both agree

It's for the best you didn't listen It's for the best we get our distance... Oh... It's for the best you didn't listen It's for the best we get our distance... Oh...

WTL 16B

- Watch the video Some Nights on the “Assignment” page. See if your ideas from 16A have changed. WTL 16B- Now what do you think the song is about?

Groups

Using cell phones etc. Research what the band and other people have said the song is about. Find at least three different ideas (themes). As a group, discuss the text, the video, your ideas and the ideas from those on the internet. Decide which parts of the song are literal and which parts are symbolic. Once everyone in the group has individually decided for themselves what the main theme of the song is, find a quote from another text that ties back to that theme (similar to the Hamilton quote idea, but find your own). Once each individual has completed the above, you are ready for WTL #17.

WTL #17

Your write to learn should start with this sentence:

The theme in the song “Some Nights” is _____.

(What you write must be a big idea that is universal and can apply to all or most people)

You must quote at least two lines from the song to support your theme. You must also quote at least one sentence from an outside source (not Hamilton) to support your theme. You should explain the parts of the song that are symbolic and what they represent and how it ties into your theme.

This is a ONE PAGE or more WTL.

WTL 18

Do the same thing that you did for WTL 17, but this time pick your own song. Include the song title and the artist.