

Soundtrack/Timeline of My Life Autobiography Project

Think of incidents from your life. What music would you put in the background as a soundtrack?

- Birth
- First Reconciliation
- First Communion
- Sports
- New School
- Field Trip
- Summer Vacation
- Confirmation

Add your song ideas to these lists!

Childhood songs:

- “Itsy Bitsy Spider”
- “The Wheels on the Bus”
- “If You’re Happy and You Know It”

Songs we all seem to know and relate to:

- John Lennon’s “Imagine”
- Bruce Springsteen’s “Born in the USA”
- Katy Perry’s “Roar”
- Rachel Platten’s “Fight Song”
- Black Eyed Pea’s “Where is the Love?”

Songs about people, places, events, memories, and so on:

- Lynard Skynard’s “Sweet Home Alabama”
- Garth Brooks’ “The Dance”
- “Hakuna Matata” from the *Lion King*
- "Fishing in the Dark" ...for fishermen
- "Take Me Out to the Ball Game"...for baseball players
- "The Wheels on the Bus"...for school bus riders
- "I'm Being Eaten by a Boa Constrictor"...for those who went to day care
- “Stay With Me” by Sam Smith
- “See You Again” by Wiz Khalifa
- “Shake It Off” by Taylor Swift
- “Time of Your Life” by Green Day

Think about how soundtracks create different moods during movies and television shows:

“Summer Nights” The classic *Grease* soundtrack evokes a happy-go lucky feel, while “Hopelessly Devoted” is full of melancholy.

The *Twilight Zone* creates an eerie, creepy mood, while the *Friends* theme, “I’ll be There for You” is upbeat and fun and reminds us of our own friendships.

The theme from *Jaws* makes us feel terrified, suspenseful, or anxious, even when we hear it outside of the movie.

Other familiar soundtracks:

- The Lion King*
- Shrek*
- Pitch Perfect*
- Star Wars*
- Titanic*
- The Sound of Music*

- Coyote Ugly*
- Oh Brother Where Art Thou*
- Step Up*
- The Opera*
- Spiderman*

Songs outside the normal musical choices:

“Amazing Grace” reminded a student of when his grandparents died.

“Don’t Laugh at Me” by Mark Wills is about being made fun of, something another student dealt with her whole life.

Madonna’s “Material Girl” describes the student’s selfish teenage years.

“Small Town” by John Mellencamp tells the story of life in a small town in Colorado.

Enya’s “Only Time” explains that true understanding may take a whole lifetime.

Be creative with titles!

So It Goes...

True Tales

A Paragon

Grains of Sand

Simply Complicated

Life As I Know It

Death Do Us In

Endless Infinity

Hidden Emotion

A Dreamer’s Vision

Words in the Wind

Life Passed By

Brainstorm with your friends and family!

Example paragraph:

“Sarah McLachlan’s “Angel” represents a dark period in my life when my mother died suddenly, the Columbine tragedy happened in my home state, two close friends died, and I lost three students within three years. The words ‘you’re in the arms of the angel, may you find some comfort there’ reflect my hope that those I lost have found peace wherever their souls may dwell. The song’s slow, haunting rhythm exemplifies the way I felt during that time.”

-Betsie Nielson, Dove Creek High School, Dove Creek, Colorado.

Due Wednesday January 13th

A list of at least 2 songs and major events in your life, submitted in a paragraph for each song

Due Wednesday February 10th

2 more songs and major events in life, submitted in a paragraph for each song with pictures

Final Project Due Wednesday March 30th

6 total songs and major events in life, submitted in a paragraph for each song with pictures on a page

**ONE of the six songs MUST be originally composed and submitted to Ms. Smith via email: hsmith@ascension-parish.com ** In the paragraph for this song, you should write about what inspired the song, what elements of music you chose to use, and why/how they relate to this event in your life.

Shortened Clip of Final Project Due Wednesday May 4th to be used for Graduation

30-second video/slideshow presentation using PowerPoint including pictures and excerpts of music arranged or original composition in Garage Band representing major events in your life

Please submit any additional photos you would like used in the slide show to Ms. Smith no later than May 4th for final Graduation slide show

A page for your soundtrack must include the following elements:

- “Soundtrack of My life” title
- All six songs with
 - o Title
 - o Artist
 - o Event connected to it
 - o One paragraph of explanation
 - o A link to the audio recording, the video, or at least the lyrics.
- Common theme for font choices, colors, and images
- At least one picture unique to each paragraph/song
- Your final project will be graded on the writing with the connections you made to each song, the inclusion of all of the elements, and how well the overall appearance blends together for the visual presentation (themes, colors, fonts, etc.).

Below is a screen shot of a sample created by a teacher (note, each writing space actually has a scroll bar to show more info)



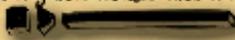
Soundtrack of My Life



My Birth-



"Jessica" by The Allman Brothers Band
My parents were fairly young when I was born, I was a month premature, and I was their first child, so that was a lot for everyone to deal with! To have to pick a name on top of everything, when they were not quite ready yet, was a bit of a stress. My parents were both very into music and a few months before



Senior Year of High School-

"Wind Beneath My Wings" by Bette Midler

Senior year of my high school career was a very difficult time, because three weeks before the first day of school, a very good friend of mine died in a tragic car accident. She was an amazing person who had a loving family and bright future in front of her, all cut off in an instant when her car lost

First Job After College-

"Walkin' on Sunshine"



September 11, 2001-



by Katrina & the Waves

"Where Where You..." by Alan Jackson

Graduating from college in the spring of 2001, I went through many job interviews trying to find a school to begin my teaching career. However, each ended in disappointment either because I was not right for them or the position was not something that would work for me. At the end of August, I went away on vacation with my family after

As happy and excited I was to begin my first year of teaching, nothing could have prepared me for the events of my second week. I will always remember where I was when I heard that a plane had hit the first tower and, in fact, we had already tuned into the news when the second plane crashed. Personally, I was in turmoil, knowing that friends and loved ones were in the air and in the city at the time. As a teacher,



My Wedding Day-

"When You Say Nothing at All"

by Alison Krauss

It is not unusual for someone, especially a young girl, to look forward to her wedding day. For me though, it has always been about the love and joy between the groom and myself, instead of the cake, dress, and such. It would be the most amazing thing to be able to celebrate an occasion like that with someone you know you want to spend the rest of your life with.



Becoming an Aunt-

"You Are My Sunshine" by Carly Simon

One afternoon, my sister asked to meet with our family and sitting in the living room of our childhood home, she shared that she was pregnant. At only twenty-two, we knew it was a shock to her as well as us- she had always dreamed of going into New York.



