



## Listening Template

The listening template is designed to help you listen with greater awareness to the various musical elements of a song. It can be used individually, in small groups, or to facilitate a class discussion.

What to Listen For	General Examples	Specific Example:
<b>Instrumentation/ Vocals</b>	List in order of appearance: Drums, percussion, bass, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, piano, organ, lead vocal, harmony vocal, background vocals, horns, strings, synthesizer, turntable, samples, etc.	
<b>Mood</b>	E.g., romantic, sad, urgent, angry, contemplative, hopeful, manic.	
<b>Tempo</b>	E.g., fast, mid-tempo, ballad, laid back	
<b>Lyrics</b>	Can they be understood? Do they rhyme? Do you understand what the writer is trying to convey? Is there a clear story or narrative? What are the most effective images? Do they read like poetry?	
<b>Sounds like...</b>	In this area, create a short list of songs that seem in some way related to the song being analyzed, and/or place the song in terms of its influences and genre.	