

Syntax Song Lyric Activity



NAME: _____ Date: _____

Can you figure out the song lyrics?

Directions: Try to put the words to the song lyrics in the correct order. When there is a pause, start a new line. When you complete the lyrics, answer the following questions.

1. How were you able to figure out the correct order? (What process did you use?) _____

2. Did any words stand out? If so, which ones? _____

3. Why did these particular words stand out? _____

4. Do any of the words have negative or positive connotations? Which ones? _____

5. What is the overall tone of the lines? (What feeling—or mood—is created?) _____

6. How does the syntax, or arrangement of the words, contribute to the tone? _____

7. Why do you think the writer placed the words in this particular order? How does it contribute to the meaning of the song?

8. What happens to the tone when you mix up the words or lines? Is a different mood created? What happens to the meaning of the song? Explain.

EXTENDED ACTIVITY: Writing Poetry



★ Create a new poem using the words from the song. Then explain how the meaning and tone have changed from the original lyrics. Did you experiment with the order the words, trying a new way to structure the lines? Describe any difficulties you had creating a new song from the words.