



MUS10200 Introduction to World Music
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Discussion Board; low-stakes activity for asynchronous course

Now that you've learned about the three ways that music can convey meaning (Ch3 pgs 125-126), and studied an example of a musical entity closely associated with one particular meaning (pgs 127-135), it's time to share your own example of musical meaning. **Visit the #discussion channel in Slack to complete this assignment.**

This discussion has two parts:

Part One

Choose a song in your life that has personal significance for you in some way. (This can be a song you've already talked about in this class, or a different song.) Write a post (minimum 1 paragraph) analyzing that song's meaning for you. First, discuss in which of the three ways that song conveys meaning to you. Do the song's sounds 1) remind you of other sounds through imitation, 2) signify particular entities or ideas through association, and/or 3) convey meaning through words and language? Identify which of these applies to your song, and share your reasoning. Keep in mind that more than one of these ways may apply to your song. Then, discuss the personal significance this song has for you, and why it has that significance. Share as much or as little as you want to and are comfortable sharing. Finally, share the link to your song, so your classmates can easily find it if they want to.

Part Two

Read at least one classmate's post and listen to their song. Then reply to their post, answering these questions: what does this song mean for you? Does the song convey the same meaning for you as it does for your classmate? If yes, how so? If no, what meaning does it convey to you? Why do you think the song conveys a meaning to you that's similar to, or different from, the meaning it conveys to your classmate? Write a reply that's thoughtful, at least a few sentences in length, and contributes meaningfully to the conversation in some way.

Submit your screenshot/s of your Discussion 3 below. Remember to show that you completed both Part One and Part Two.