

*Writing prompts for high school music students:*

- Describe a live musical experience and how the experience effected you.
- What are some reasons why a person might ridicule the musical taste of another person?
- Describe a time in your life when music played an important supporting role.
- How does listening to a song you love make you feel?
- Do you think music is a language? Why or why not?
- Do any other species other than humans enjoy making music and songs?
- Do you think famous musicians or singers were instantly amazing from the first time they tried? Or did they put in huge amounts of time and practice to develop their skills and talents? Describe how that process and passion around a skill can take shape over years.
- Listen to one song that was popular in the following decades of the twentieth century: early 1900's Ragtime, 1920's Jazz, 1930's Swing. Which era was your favorite? Would did you like about the music from that time?
- Music can get your heart racing or help calm you down. Think of a song which does either of these and write how it makes you feel when you listen to it. Why do you think it affects you the way it does?