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Cover Letter: Rhetorical Analysis

The rhetorical analysis I did on one of my current favorite songs taught me how to create deeper meanings in someone else's art. It made me realize that I resonate with certain themes because of my connections with the lyrics to myself. Writing a rhetorical analysis of a musical piece gave me insight into the way language and literacy can be an art form for most. Song lyrics, poetry, literature, etc. are all art forms, but can always be perceived differently. Analyzing the song gave me the opportunity to write down the personal connections I made with music. It showed me how my perspective of language and literacy can contrast with someone else's. Understanding the rhetorical situation of the song and how certain strategies were utilized were important for my writing. As well as creating a good understanding of each rhetorical device was important for making my argument. Upon writing the rhetorical analysis, my target audience was people of my generation. Since most of the youth use music as a source of comfort or a coping mechanism. Analyzing the main message of one song might reveal other songs with similar ideas. Though, I think the most important thing about this assignment was how I supported my argument. It was not enough for me to point out my observations, I had to connect them all back to