

Evaluating Song Lyrics Activity (Answer Key)

Student Names:

Instructions: Your group will be given a set of song lyrics to evaluate. First, read through the lyrics. Then, answer the following questions as a group. Before you record your answer, make sure you have discussed the question thoroughly and given each member of your group a chance to share their answer.

- Which song did your group evaluate? Summer Nights (from Grease)
- What words or phrases would you use to describe the romantic relationship represented in this song?
Short-lived (summer fling); pleasurable; casual
- Is this song told from the perspective of a man, a woman, or both?
Both - the song switches back and forth between the man's perspective and the woman's perspective
- Fill out the chart below. The amount of detail you include for each column will depend on the song you've been assigned. For each column, include a lyric that justifies your answer.

What kind of message does this song send about...

The role of men in romantic relationships:	The role of women in romantic relationships:	The longevity of relationships (how long they last):	The role of sex in romantic relationships:	The purpose of romantic relationships:
<p><i>Men are more interested in the sexual aspect of relationships.</i></p> <p><i>Man describes himself as a knight in shining armor.</i></p> <p><i>Man brags to his friends about how far he was able to go with the girl physically.</i></p> <p><i>Men are satisfied with short-term relationships.</i></p>	<p><i>Women are more focused on the emotional aspects of the relationship.</i></p> <p><i>Women expect relationships to be long-lasting.</i></p> <p><i>Women play the passive role in the relationship.</i></p> <p><i>Women expect the man to be the provider.</i></p>	<p><i>Sexual relationships can be short-term and casual (low-commitment).</i></p> <p><i>Woman in the song suggests that she wants the relationship to last.</i></p>	<p><i>Sex is the main focus for the man, at least when he's talking about the relationship with his friends.</i></p> <p><i>Sex is not mentioned at all from the woman's perspective.</i></p>	<p><i>Having fun, pleasure.</i></p> <p><i>Temporary entertainment (for the summer).</i></p>
<p>Lyric(s):</p> <p><i>"I saved her life, she nearly drowned."</i></p> <p><i>"Well, she was good, you know what I mean."</i></p> <p><i>"I told her we'd still be friends."</i></p>	<p>Lyric(s):</p> <p><i>"He was sweet, just turned eighteen."</i></p> <p><i>"Then we made our true love vow."</i></p> <p><i>"Did she up put a fight?"</i></p> <p><i>"How much dough did he spend?"</i></p>	<p>Lyric(s):</p> <p><i>"Summer fling, don't mean a thing."</i></p> <p><i>"Then we made our true love vow."</i></p>	<p>Lyric(s):</p> <p><i>"She got friendly down in the sand."</i></p> <p><i>"Well, she was good, you know what I mean."</i></p>	<p>Lyric(s):</p> <p><i>"Summer fling, don't mean a thing"</i></p>