Song Analysis Worksheet

Before Listening:

Song Title: ____________________  Artist: ____________________  Year: ______

Based on the title, what you know about this particular artist, and what you know about this time period, what do you predict this song will be about? (2-3 sentences)

During Listening:

Personal Response

1. What emotion/s do you feel while listening to this song?

2. What events in your life, if any, does this song make you think about?

Analytical Response

1. Do the lyrics:

   Tell a story? Describe.

   Express an emotion? Describe.

2. List any instruments, including voice, you hear in the song.

3. What lyrics stand out to you?
4. Think of the song in terms of its organization (beginning, middle, end; or stanza by stanza; or stanzas and refrain), and the relationship of the music to the lyrics. At what point is the music:

- **Tempo**
  - slow paced:
  - medium paced:
  - fast paced:

- **Timbre**
  - soft-toned:
  - monotone:
  - loud:

  - using low notes:
  - using middle-range notes:
  - using high notes:

- **Pitch**

**After Listening:**

1. What is the message the artist is trying to convey in this song?

2. Who is the intended audience for this song? Why do you think this?

3. How would you classify the genre of this song?

4. What is the mood of this song?

5. How do the technical elements above contribute to the mood and meaning of this song?