

"WHAT MUSIC MEANS

WRITE the title (top right of this sheet) and today's date. Follow the instructions below.

> Today you're going to think about the effect that music has on YOUR life. Then you will write a short essay (piece of writing) on the subject of "what music means to me". To help you to write this essay, think about the following questions. Don't write down the answers to these questions yet - you'll be using the answers later in your essay.

What do you think music is?

Why do people listen to music at all?

What types of music do YOU enjoy listening to, and why?

How often, when, and for how long do you listen to music?

Do you listen to music every day? At a certain time of day? How much listening does that add up to each week?

What effect or effects does music have upon you?

Do you play (or have you ever played) a musical instrument?

Is there a musical instrument you would like to learn?

What musical instruments do you particularly like listening to?

Do you play in a musical group or a band? If not, does the thought of playing in a band appeal to you?

If you do play in a group, what is it, and why do you play in it?

Do you enjoy it, and why?

If you were asked to sum up how much music plays a part in your life, what would you say?

Now, when you have thought of the answers to the questions above, begin to write your essay. Try to STRUCTURE your essay into three sections: an INTRODUCTION, a MIDDLE SECTION, and a SUMMARY.

You don't have to restrict yourself to answering just the questions on this page. If you have anything interesting to say on the subject of "what music means to me", then sav it!