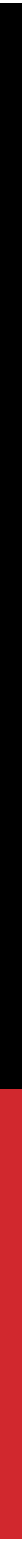


PODCAST ASSIGNMENT

YOUR STORY WITH MUSIC



TASK

Use audio editing software to produce a 3-5 minute podcast

- combine *excerpts* of personally significant pieces of music...
- with *reflections* on your relationship with music...
- at various points in your life.

WHY???

Learn the technology

- To familiarize you with the kind of audio technology employed in radio, film, TV, recording, composing, etc.
- So you can support students in working with this technology.

Explore personal interactions with music

- better understand your *own* relationship with music, and
- how your *students* may or might relate to music.

You could have your future students do this assignment

- Podcasting may serve their expressive needs (or yours!)

You will actively re-engage with music that is meaningful to you.

PARAMETERS

- **3-5 minutes in length**
- **at *least* 5 significant pieces of music**
- **do *not* play more than 15 seconds of any one music clip without commentary over top**
 - you are not a disc jockey—you are using the music to illustrate *your story*
- **email the final version of the podcast to me as an mp3 file**
 - make sure you listen to the mp3 in its entirety before you send it, to ensure it plays correctly!

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **You need a computer with a built in microphone**
 - (or find a microphone)
- **I suggest *Audacity* www.audacityteam.org software**
 - free download
 - available for both Windows and Mac
- **Be sure to additionally install: [LAME MP3 encoder](#)**
 - allows Audacity to export MP3 files
- **Other audio editing software...**
 - will also work, e.g., *Garage Band, Cubase, etc.*

PROCEDURE

- **Brainstorm a list of personally significant interactions with music at various points in your life**
 - see 'river of life' graphic organizer
- **Identify specific music to represent these interactions,**
 - collect mp3 versions of the pieces
- **Write text (a paragraph or two) to accompany each musical excerpt**
- **Combine text and music using audio editing software**
- **Export podcast to mp3, check it plays correctly, then email it to me.**

LET'S GET STARTED!

While you listen to my example..

- Brainstorm a list of...
 - personally significant interactions with music
 - at various points in your life
 - (use the 'river of life' graphic organizer)

