

Directions: Please do one activity per day as assigned. Please record it on an activity log attached and write a detailed reflection of what you saw or listened to using complete sentences and correct grammar. Remember you are in middle school one-word reflections are not going to be accepted. Put some thought into your work, it is your grade. The activity log is editable so you can reflect however much you would like.

DAY OF THE WEEK	ASSIGNMENT
MONDAY	<p>Click on the YouTube link for It Is Well With My Soul by BYU Vocal Point journal your thoughts. It Is Well With My Soul was written by a man over the spot where his 4 daughters died in a shipwreck. This was after he lost his business in the Chicago fire of 1871, and a 4 year old son to Scarlet Fever. In your journal tell me what was Scarlet Fever and how it effected the world for it's time. Today this song is performed at choral festivals and has become standard literature. How do you connect to the song and what did you enjoy about this video.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FexGqNDBK3g</p>
TUESDAY	<p>Today you will be studying Ed Sheeran. After reading and doing the worksheet provided. On your reflection sheet tell me your favorite Ed Sheeran song and why?</p>
WEDNESDAY	<p><i>Quote of the week: Get lost in the music & forge all your troubles for a little while.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal and/or research the "Quote of the week." • What does this quote mean to you? • How is it reflective in our society today?
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to Teams Meeting at 2:30 on Thursday.....
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SCHOOL NO WORK

Ed Sheeran:

Singer & musician Ed Sheeran was born in 1991. He is from England & is popular for pop rock music. His most famous songs have been *Thinking Out Loud* & *Photograph*.

He began playing guitar at a young age and soon after started writing his own songs. When he was just a teenager, he moved to London to pursue his music, and his outpouring of creativity added up to several early EPs and hundreds of live shows. Getting a lot of attention with his online performances, Sheeran hit No. 1 on the iTunes chart before he ever signed with a record label. Since signing with Atlantic, Sheeran has sold millions of records, had a song appear in the second installment of *The Hobbit* trilogy movie and won a Grammy for Song of the Year, specifically for the Top 5 hit "Thinking Out Loud."

Early Years

Ed Sheeran was born on February 17, 1991, in Halifax, West Yorkshire, in the United Kingdom.

Are the United Kingdom & England the same thing?

- *London is the capital of England.*
- *England is a country.*
- *Britain is an area that consists of England and the country of Wales.*
- *Great Britain is the name of the island that is home to the countries of England, Wales, and Scotland.*
- *The United Kingdom (UK) is a country that is a union of the countries on the island of Great Britain, along with the country of Northern Ireland (which shares the island of Ireland with the Republic of Ireland.)*
- *[The Republic of Ireland is] a separate country that is not part of the UK.*
- *London is also the capital of the UK.*

When he was young, he began playing guitar, showing early promise as a musical talent. When he was 11, Sheeran met singer-songwriter Damien Rice (a famous Irish singer) backstage at one of Rice's shows, and the young musician found added inspiration. As the story goes, Rice told Sheeran to write his own music, and Sheeran set out the next day to do just that.

It wasn't long before Sheeran was recording CDs and selling them, and he soon put together his first official CD, *The Orange Room*. With that accomplishment and his abiding ambition driving him, at only 14 years of age, Sheeran headed to London for the summer. Thinking he could find gigs in the big city, Sheeran left home with his guitar and a backpack full of clothes, and his musical career took flight.

London

Once in London, Sheeran got busy recording and playing the local singer/songwriter circuit and quickly released two albums: a self-titled record in 2006 and *Want Some?* in 2007. He also began opening for more established acts, in London and released another CD, *You Need Me*, in 2009, a year that found Sheeran playing more than 300 live shows.

It wasn't until 2010 that Sheeran made the leap to the next level in his career, and it came via online media, a route Sheeran had learned to use with great effectiveness. When a video he posted online got the attention of Example, a rapper, Sheeran was asked to go on the road with him as his opening act. This led to an even larger online fan base and inspiration for many more songs, which ended up filling three new EPs, all in 2010.

The Next Level

When Sheeran headed to the U.S. that year, he found a new fan in Jamie Foxx, who asked Sheeran to appear on his Sirius radio show. Soon after, in January 2011, Sheeran released yet another EP, his last as an independent artist. Without any promotion, the record reached No. 2 on the iTunes chart, and he signed on with Atlantic Records that same month.

With Atlantic, Sheeran released his major debut studio album, \pm . An instant hit, the album sold more than a million copies in the U.K. in the first six months alone. Sheeran began co-writing songs with bigger artists, such as One Direction and Taylor Swift, and supported Swift on her 2013 arena tour.

On a roll, Sheeran's next success would come when his song "I See Fire" was featured in the movie *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*, and in June 2014, his next album, \times , appeared, debuting at No. 1 in the U.S. and U.K. The project featured three Top 10 singles—"Don't," "Photograph" and "Thinking Out Loud"—with the latter winning the Grammy for Song of the Year and Best Pop Solo Performance in 2016.

In 2016, Sheeran took a hiatus to work on his third studio album, \div (pronounced "divided"). In January 2017, he released two singles from the album, "Shape of You" and "Castle on the Hill," which debuted at number one and number six, respectively, on the Billboard Hot 100. Sheeran released \div in March 2017, and announced a 2017 world tour. His new album broke a Spotify record for first-day album streams with 56.7 million listens in 24 hours.

Name _____

Ed Sheeran:

1. **What style of music is Ed Sheeran famous for?**
2. **What year was Ed Sheeran born?**
3. **Where is Ed Sheeran from?**
4. **What instrument does he play?**
5. **Name two of his famous songs.**