English 12 – *Hamlet*
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…The Song's the Thing

Even though *Hamlet* was written many years ago, the emotions and personalities still resonate today. For this assignment you will choose an **APPROPRIATE** "pop" song that illustrates the personalities and/or emotions of one of the following characters:

- Hamlet
- Ophelia
- Gertrude
- Claudius

Using the play as a guide, write a paragraph (200 words approximately) explaining how your song illustrates the character you have chosen. You must hand in a copy of your lyrics with your paragraph.

In essence what you will be doing is coming up with a modern, alternate soliloquy for your character. For example, "Paint it Black" by The Rolling Stones fits with Hamlet's melancholy mood and thoughts of suicide.

Criteria:

Song Choice – appropriate for character/classroom (no foul language, racism, sexism … any other –ism.)

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Paragraph – clearly illustrates the character

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Publisher Ready – no spelling or grammar errors, double spaced, cited correctly

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