

English 102
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Critique #1
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Critique of Organization of Nick Chill's Song Analysis

I read your song analysis. It was very understandable, although I had never listened to the song, "Mr. Brightside" by the killers. I think that it was pretty organized as a whole, and I did not see any noticeable problems at first sight. You thoroughly interpreted the song, and I was able to agree with your interpretation. However, there are some points that I would like to mention to improve your essay for revising. Let's see from the intro to the conclusion in turn.

At the very beginning of the introduction, you said, "Sexual jealousy is a powerful force." It has a great impact on readers, and I really like this. By this sentence, you succeeded to attract the readers' attention, whereas readers were able to understand what you want to say through the essay. But some readers may feel being left behind. Therefore, you should better to explain more how jealousy connects to the song or the background of the song.

In the body, you interpreted lyrics very well. The way to follow the order of the song is easy to see and comprehend. But I did not understand the meaning, when you say, "something as innocent as a kiss" which is stated at the last line of the second paragraph. In addition, I think you do not need to change paragraphs between the third and fourth because both of the paragraphs refer to the verse and the following twelve lines which begins with, "Now I'm falling asleep." The last two paragraphs of the body were interpreted well.

Next, there is one thing that I would like to suggest before you move to the conclusion. At the end of the song, he sings, "I never..." over and over

again. I think you should also interpret what he means by the repetition. To do this, your analysis will be more profound and interesting. Personally, I think he wants to say, “I [had] never [felt such a jealousy before I met her.]” or “I [will] never [let her go.]” I would like to know what you think about this part. Finally, the conclusion was well organized through the analysis. And I agree with what you said as “portraying such a negative aspects of life in such a positive manner.”

I really enjoyed reading your song analysis of the killer’s “Mr. Brightside.” I think you did a good job, and just please keep in mind some respects that I mentioned in this critique, when you revise your essay. I hope that my advice would help you.