

Country Music

You're not supposed to say the word "cancer" in a song.

And tellin' folks Jesus is the answer can rub 'em wrong.

It ain't hip to sing about tractors, trucks, little towns, and mama, yeah that might be true.

But this is country music and we do.

Brad Paisley, the singer of these lyrics, describes what makes country music so great throughout this song called "This is Country Music." Country music lyrics talk about important aspects in life that matter to people and make a difference in their lives. Country music is the only kind of music worth listening to. The songs are patriotic, they vary in topics, and each song is relatable.

Countless songs in country music describe American's pride for their country. "Courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue" by Toby Keith is a powerful song that speaks about America's determination and dignity. Darryl Worley sings about how lives are changed in war in his song "I Just Came Back from a War." The songs give insight to listeners and cause emotional, patriotic responses. Songs such as "Have You Forgotten" and "Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)" tell about reactions and emotions after 9/11. With numerous songs about war, soldiers, and America, the songs speak to the listeners and almost every person feels proud to be an American while singing along.

Country songs are about anything and everything. There are innumerable songs about relationships. Love is one of the most common topics sung about. Revenge after a bad break up, liars, and cheaters are all popular as well. Going out to parties, drinking, and

EXAMPLE 1

Need:

1. attention: Many people change their behavior a great deal depending on the environment they are in and the people they are around. Teenagers, for example, may act quite differently out with their friends on the weekend than they do at the supper table at home with their parents. Jamal, the main character in the film *Finding Forrester*, is no different.

TS: Through several changes in setting, the audience is allowed to see different sides of Jamal.

Preview: Three settings or situations where this occurs are on the basketball court, when he's hanging out with his friends, and in William's apartment.

EXAMPLE 2

Attention: picture of life there or reveal my experience there

TS: UNI is an excellent college to go to.

3 main points: friendly people, excellent campus, athletic environment

I met my wife within four weeks of being there. I made lifelong friends and memories during my time there. I lived with 600 people my age in one place for two years. I was able to coach, compete, and cheer my guts out; and I was given the opportunity to learn from and with some of the most intelligent people around in many real-world settings. All of this happened in my four years at the University of Northern Iowa, making it an excellent choice for those attending college. Three major characteristics of the UNI college experience for all students are friendly people, an excellent campus, and a thrilling athletic environment.