

Parody Project

Name: _____

A parody song is a song that uses a popular tune with new lyrics. The parody is meant to be humorous. It may use things from popular culture (i.e. Star Wars, Flintstones) or just be about a humorous topic.

We have looked at a variety of parodies from “Weird Al” Yankovic - the undisputed master of the parody.

Your job - by yourself, or in a group of no more than 4 people - is to write your own parody and present it to the class.

If you choose to work in a group, you must contribute your own verse. This means that everyone must write part of the song.

The song you wish to parody:

The subject matter for your parody:

Your song title:

Your group members:

Rubrics for Parody Project

Level 4

- Song is extremely well prepared and performed - great singing, memorized, you have put a lot of drama into your performance with attention to look like the artist you're parodying.
- Song is a well-written parody of the original song - you have a clever lyrics
- Your song has a strong topic - you picked a great idea to use for your parody
- You have worked well as a group/independently - you were dedicated to doing your absolute best, and you worked really well together.
- Your song is neatly typed and you have included a copy of the lyrics of the original song

Level 3

- Song is well prepared and performed - you have some drama, mostly memorized, good singing and performance
- Song is a good parody of the original song - you have good lyrics
- Your song has good topic - your idea works well for your parody.
- You have worked well independently or as a group for the most part
- Your song is typed/printed, and you have included a copy of the lyrics of the original song

Level 2

- Song is somewhat prepared and satisfactorily performed - your work was not memorized, there is some aspect of preparation with your performance, satisfactory drama
- Song is a fair parody of the original song - you have fair lyrics
- Your song has a workable topic - your idea mostly works
- You have worked with some difficulty in your group/independently - members may not have contributed equally, you had some difficulties working together.
- Your song is somewhat neatly printed and/or you have not included a copy of the lyrics of the original song

Level 1

- Song is not prepared and inconsistently performed - you are not ready to perform, work is not memorized and you have no drama in your performance
- Song is poor parody of the original song - it may be mostly incomplete, or it shows limited thoughts, might not fit the rhyme scheme or meter
- Your song has a weak topic - your topic did not work or provide many ideas for a parody
- You have not worked well as a group. Members did not contribute, or you did not use your time wisely.
- Your song is printed/written sloppily, and you have not included a copy of the lyrics of the original song