Musical Monday Final Project Part 3 EXAMPLE

The song “Ivy” written and sang by Frank Ocean is the story of a failed relationship, the song separates itself from basic breakup songs due to its flowing story and wholesomeness as well as the balance of voice and instrument.

First of all, the name Ivy is a parasitic plant that strangles nearby trees and overall isn’t good for their health. This can represent the relationship Frank Ocean sings about. Listeners know this song is about a failed relationship by the lyrics Frank uses in the song such as, “If I could see through walls, I could see your faking” or “I broke your heart last week, you’ll probably feel better by the weekend.” The tune of the song also is evidence that this song is a low mood song. The song uses low, long drawn out sounds that match with his quieter slow voice. Lastly the lyrics of the song discuss the past and Frank makes it out to seems as the relationship is one, he misses and regrets his mistakes.

Al these elements combined together create the song ivy; a flowing story of Franks failed relationship. The song ‘ivy’ was compared to others for the purpose of this paper to look at differences and similarities so the originality of the song could be discussed. The first thing noticed was that many other breakup songs were very repetitive and/or predictable. These songs were all based around hate/anger or sadness. Frank Oceans take on a breakup song separates itself from others as it is a sad song but remains wholesome, Frank doesn’t choose to hate on his ex partner but reflect on the past and talks about how both individuals have grew and changed from the people they were at the time of the relationship. This song is also very realistic and can connect with a large audience as this is an experience almost every age group has been effected by.

Overall the song ivy is an impressive story of failed love and the growth following a breakup. The lyrics and melody add to the evidence of a breakup story, not to mention the way Frank Ocean projects his voice. The amount of love and effort put into this song reflects to the audience in the finished product. Such as how Frank Ocean said he altered his voice to sound younger so he could truly put himself into the past.