Soundtrack of My Life
Due date: Wednesday, November 9th

STEP 1-

Brainstorm possible major events in your life, moments that you will “remember forever”. These can be things that have already happened to you OR things that will hopefully happen in the future. Write them down in the space provided- if you need more lines, you can attach another sheet of paper.

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STEP 2-

Now that you have identified all of these possible significant events, narrow it down to the six that you feel will be the most important to you personally. At least two should be from the past, but on the other hand, at least two should be from the future! Put them in the order in which they have occurred or the order in which you would prefer that they eventually occur.

Remember, everyone has a different idea of what matters and each person’s life will contain a variety of events. Your list shouldn’t be exactly the same as your classmates’…

1. ________________________________________________________________
2. ________________________________________________________________
3. ________________________________________________________________
4. ________________________________________________________________
5. ________________________________________________________________
6. ________________________________________________________________
STEP 3-

For each event you have chosen, identify a song that somehow connects to this event. Maybe the lyrics somehow express your feeling at the time, or the theme/overall main idea fits. The song itself could just be a reminder of the event (i.e.- prom song/graduation song). It does not have to be an exact match, but be sure to read the whole song before you select it! **Note:** the lyrics of the song must be appropriate and can not include extreme profanity or any derogatory remarks toward any race, gender, sexual orientation and/or religious affiliation. You MAY NOT use the song “Happy Birthday” or “Pomp and Circumstance” (the graduation march).

STEP 4-

To go along with each song title, you will need to write at least one paragraph (5 or more sentences) explaining the event and why you chose this song to fit it. The format of each paragraph should be different!! I do not want to see the same phrases repeated over and over again- make a detailed connection between the event, your feelings about it, and the song you chose! If needed, you can explain a little about the song’s history (if it connects) and even make a reference to a specific quote from the song lyrics, though nothing too long.

“Walking on Sunshine” by Katrina and the Waves- **Getting my first real job after college**

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STEP 5-

Now you need to choose what type of format your project will take. You may EITHER create a glog or make a physical “CD cover” display on a piece of posterboard.

- A Glogster page for your soundtrack must include the following elements:
  - “Soundtrack of My life” title
  - All six songs with
    - Title
    - Artist
    - Event connected to it
    - One paragraph of explanation
    - A link to the audio recording, the video, or at least the lyrics. If you are able, you may also upload the songs to the glog- just be sure they are not set to play automatically
  - Common theme for font choices, colors, and images
  - At least three related graphics or pictures (if they aren’t from the Glogster program, link each directly to its source as a citation)
  - At least one related element of animation (remember that there are animated graphics provided)
  - Your final glog will be graded on the writing with the connections you made to each song, the inclusion of all of the elements, and how well the overall appearance blends together for the visual presentation (themes, colors, fonts, etc.).
  - **NOTE:** When you log into Glogster EDU, there is the area for “projects” and “Sound track of My Life” should be listed here. YOU ARE NOT MAKING A BRAND NEW GLOG! Clicking here will bring you to a template we have already created for this project. This should make the process much easier, though you are free to add and delete items, as well as make any changes to shape/size/color that you need.
Below is a screen shot of a sample glog created by a teacher (note, each writing space actually has a scroll bar to show more info- to view the actual page, visit: http://jhoertel.edu.glogster.com/soundtrack-of-my-life/

Soundtrack of My Life

My Birth-
"Jessica" by The Allman Brothers Band
My parents were fairly young when I was born. I was a month premature, and I was their first child, so that was a lot for everyone to deal with! To have to pick a name on top of everything when they were not quite ready yet, was a bit of a stress. My parents were both very into music and a few months before

First Job After College-
"Walkin’ On Sunshine" by Katrina & the Waves
Graduating from college in the spring of 2001, I went through many job interviews trying to find a school to begin my teaching career. However, each ended in disappointment either because I was not right for them or the position was not something that would work for me. At the end of August, I went away on vacation with my family after

My Wedding Day-
"When You Say Nothing at All" by Alison Krauss
It is not unusual for someone, especially a young girl, to look forward to her wedding day. For me though, it has always been about the love and joy between the groom and myself, instead of the cake, dress, and such. It would be the most amazing thing to be able to celebrate an occasion like that with someone you know you want to spend the rest of your life with.

Senior Year of High School-
"Wind Beneath My Wings" by Bette Midler
Senior year of my high school career was a very difficult time, because three weeks before the first day of school, a very good friend of mine died in a tragic car accident. She was an amazing person who had a loving family and bright future in front of her, all cut off in an instant when her car lost

September 11, 2001-
"Where Would You..." by Alan Jackson
As happy and excited I was to begin my first year of teaching, nothing could have prepared me for the events of my second week. I will always remember where I was when I heard that a plane had hit the first tower and, in fact, we had already tuned into the news when the second plane crashed. Personally, I was in turmoil knowing that friends and loved ones were in the air and in the city at the time. As a teacher,

Becoming an Aunt-
"You Are My Sunshine" by Carly Simon
One afternoon, my sister asked to meet with our family and sitting in the living room of our childhood home, she shared that she was pregnant. At only twenty-two, we knew it was a shock to her as well as us- she had always dreamed of going into New York, 

A second option is a “CD cover” for your soundtrack.

- Using a piece of regular posterboard (22x28 inches, white strongly suggested, but not required), use the left side as the cover of your album and the right side as the back, where the songs are listed.

  - **Left Side:** You will need to create a cover with the title “Soundtrack of My Life” and your own name, along with an image or images that relate to you/your life in some way. It should fill the side of the whole page, from edge to edge. The lettering should be large, and as neat as possible. The whole thing should contain color! **NOTE:** If you use a picture or clip art, you must cite your source!

  - **Right Side:** List your songs in order, along with the event and the paragraph (use example format shown in Step 4). This should also be in a larger font size, be very neat (suggest typing) and easy to read! Remember to plan out- there are six songs that need to be listed! You may choose to type or neatly handwrite your paragraph and then cut it out and paste it to the posterboard, which is strongly suggested.

Below is a screen shot of a sample CD cover

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Copyright 2000, Katrina and the Waves. All rights reserved. Used with permission. The album jacket for the album "Walking on Sunshine" shows the title and credits for Alicia Smith, who is listed as the songwriter. The album jacket also includes a photograph of a young woman with her hair in pigtails, smiling and looking at the camera. The background is a soft, pastel color, and the text is in a simple, elegant font.

Alicia Smith
JTMS & Hoertel Records
Please have your parent or guardian sign the following slip, showing that they are aware of the assignment and its due date. You must bring the slip back to your Language Arts by Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

I am aware that my student, ________________________, has been given a major project in Language Arts, which was assigned on Thursday, October 27th, 2011. Students will have approximately two weeks to work independently and the final project is to be completed on **Wednesday, November 9th**. They will be working individually on this task.

I am also aware that the students were given a choice for the final product- either a physical post display OR a digital Glog. I have seen the guideline packet that explains the requirements for both of these options.

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(Student Name printed)    (Student Signature)     (Date)

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(Parent or Guardian Signature)   (Date)