

K-Pop Lyrics as Poetry: Analyzing and Writing

Let's dive into the world of K-Pop, but with a literary twist! Many K-Pop songs have incredibly creative and poetic lyrics. Today, we'll explore how K-Pop artists use language like poets and then you'll get a chance to write your own K-Pop inspired piece.

Part 1: K-Pop Lyric Analysis (Approx. 30-40 minutes)

- 1. Introduction to Poetic Devices:** Briefly review common poetic devices:
 - **Metaphor:** Comparing two unlike things directly (e.g., 'You are my sunshine').
 - **Simile:** Comparing two unlike things using 'like' or 'as' (e.g., 'Your smile shines like the sun').
 - **Imagery:** Language that appeals to the senses (sight, sound, smell, taste, touch).
 - **Personification:** Giving human qualities to inanimate objects or ideas (e.g., 'The wind whispered secrets').
 - **Hyperbole:** Exaggeration for effect (e.g., 'I've told you a million times').(Feel free to use a reference chart if helpful).
- 2. Song Selection:** Choose 1-2 K-Pop songs you enjoy (or pick from a pre-approved list). Find reliable English translations of the lyrics. Suggestions: BTS - 'Spring Day', IU - 'Palette', Stray Kids - 'Miroh', BLACKPINK - 'Lovesick Girls' (but student choice is best!).
- 3. Lyric Hunt:** Read through the translated lyrics carefully. Identify examples of the poetic devices discussed. Write down the line and label the device used.
- 4. Theme Discussion:** What is the main theme or message of the song(s)? How do the poetic devices you found help convey that theme or create a specific feeling? Discuss your findings.

Part 2: Creative Writing - Your K-Pop Inspired Piece (Approx. 30-40 minutes)

- 1. Brainstorm:** Think about themes common in K-Pop or themes you find interesting (e.g., dreams, friendship, overcoming hardship, love, identity, social commentary). What kind of mood or style do you want to capture (e.g., upbeat, melancholic, powerful)?
- 2. Writing Task:** Choose ONE of the following options:
 - Write original lyrics for one verse and one chorus of a K-Pop style song.
 - Write a short poem (approx. 10-15 lines) inspired by K-Pop themes or styles.
- 3. Requirement:** Your writing MUST include at least **three** different poetic devices from the list we reviewed (metaphor, simile, imagery, personification, hyperbole). Try to make them fit naturally into your writing.
- 4. Write!** Focus on expressing your chosen theme and incorporating the poetic devices effectively.

Part 3: Sharing and Reflection (Approx. 10-15 minutes)

- 1. Share Your Work:** Read your lyrics or poem aloud.
- 2. Discussion:**
 - Which poetic devices did you use? Was it easy or difficult to incorporate them?
 - How is writing song lyrics similar to or different from writing poetry?
 - Did analyzing K-Pop lyrics change how you listen to or appreciate the music? How?

Possible Extensions/Differentiation:

- **Support:** Provide sentence starters or a template for the creative writing portion. Focus on identifying only 1-2 device types.
- **Challenge:** Analyze a song with more complex or subtle metaphors/symbolism. Write a full song (e.g., two verses, chorus, bridge). Compare the lyrical styles of two different K-Pop groups or soloists.