**VPA- Purposes of Music Analysis**

Complete the chart below as you listen to the purpose of music examples.

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| **Song Title**  **and**  **Artist Name** | **Description:**  *Identify and Describe HOW two elements of music in this piece.* | **Interpret:**  *Tell the mood or meaning. Cite lyrics and/or elements of music to support your answer.* | **Purpose of Music:**  *-Identify the purpose of music*  *-Support your answer with info from description and interpret.* | **Judgment:**  *To what degree was this piece successful in achieving the purpose you identified?* |
| **Walk This Way**  **(Run DMC)** |  |  |  |  |
| **Dr. Mr. President**  **(Pink)** |  |  |  |  |
| **Auld Lang Syne**  **(Scottish Fiddle Orchestra)** |  |  |  |  |
| **Wedding March**  **(Richard Wagner)** |  |  |  |  |
| **My Girl**  **(The Temptations)** |  |  |  |  |
| **Chain of Love**  **(Clay Walker)** |  |  |  |  |

**Descriptive Words for Music:**

* **The effects of music:** 
  + Here are some words that describe what music can do to you and for you:  soothe, excite, relax, stimulate, meditate, calm, enlighten, frighten, give a feeling of foreboding, help you re-focus, invigorate, rejuvenate, stir your imagination, make you happy, lift your mood, restore, cure, heal, empower, stir, incite, lift your spirits, make you more alert, exhilarate, and bring about practically any emotion.
* **How music sounds:**
  + Some descriptive words for music in relationship to timbre are:  loud, soft, brassy, gentle, romantic, melodious, raucous, strong, eerie, spooky, rhythmic, choppy, noisy, mellow, shrill, reedy, clear, breathy, rounded, full, thin, piercing, strident, harsh, warm, resonant, dark, bright, heavy, light, and flat
* **Kinds of music:**
  + southern, western, country, easy listening, progressive, new age, retro, blues, choral, rhythm and blues, hip hop, instrumental, ambient, sacred, march, reggae, steel drum, organ, rock, heavy metal, disco, classical, baroque, romantic, renaissance, ceremonial, folk, bluegrass, Celtic, electronic, anthem, ballad, Hawaiian, lament, and lullaby.