

Describe a favorite song of yours

You should say:

What this song is about

When you listened to this song for the first time

How often you listen to this song

And explain why you think it is your favorite

One of my favorite songs is Viva La Vida. It's the work of a band called Coldplay, who took this name from a painting created by Frida Kahlo, a famous Mexican painter. It symbolizes that life will never die and extols the brave attitude towards suffering. It also emphasizes the enthusiasm and affirmation of life itself. The first time I heard this song was in the third year in high school when I faced the college entrance examination. I was very stressed back then and it really encouraged me a lot.

Now, I listen to it almost every day, mostly in the mornings when I am jogging.

This is my favorite song because the theme is thought-provoking. It's about life and death. It indicates that only when you lead a meaningful life and pursue whatever you want will you have the courage and magnanimity to face death. This song has always inspired me to follow my dream and have a happy life.

What kind of songs do elders prefer?

Old people like nostalgic songs that will make them think of the good old days. For example, they like the theme songs of old TV shows or the songs of singers from the 1990s. Maybe these songs can make them feel young again.

其他观点

Old people like all kinds of traditional Chinese opera, such as Peking Opera, although I don't know if I can call them songs. They listen to opera in the park, on TV and on the radio. They generally don't like the modern music much.

Why is square dancing music so loud?

It's played on the square or in the open air, which means the sound effect is not good, so the music has to be loud enough to make people hear clearly. Besides, the people who go square dancing are older people who might have poor hearing.

其他观点

Square dancing music has to be loud in order to enhance the atmosphere in which old people dance. Louder music can make them feel more enthusiastic. I guess it's kind of like the music in clubs for young people.

Has your preference in music changed over the years?

Yes, it has. I used to think that rock music was noisy and I didn't understand people who listen to rock. After listening to a lecture about the Bob Dylan and his works, I slowly began to appreciate rock music. Now I'm a huge fan of it.

其他观点

Yes. In the past, I thought rock music was too loud for me. Then I tried to listen to Beatles and the Rolling Stones. I gradually realized that the beats and lyrics could express people's emotions, so I fell in love with it.

Why do you think pop music is so popular?

Most of the pop songs are written to suit the taste of the majority, so they have very catchy melodies and rhythm. People also have a feeling that the lyrics are kind of like written for them. So, they listen to pop songs a lot.

其他观点

The pop songs have tunes and lyrics that are easy to remember. Plus, pop singers are usually very famous and popular. Therefore pop music is favoured by people everywhere.

What type of songs is the most popular among today's young people in China?

Rap songs are very popular among Chinese youngsters. More and more western music is being introduced to China in recent years, so young people have the chance to get to know music styles like rap. Rap has very strong rhythms and interesting lyrics which appeal to young people.

其他观点

Many Chinese young people like rap songs. Variety shows in China often invite famous rappers to the show these years, so young people are influenced by these programs and jump into the habit of listening to rap.