### **Week 1: Introduction to Music in Society**

**Activity 1: Genre Exploration Discussion Forum**

**Objective:**Engage in a discussion to explore your favorite music genres, providing insight into their cultural significance and why you connect with them.

**Instructions:**

1. Visit the discussion forum on the course website.
2. Create a post introducing your favorite music genre. Be sure to include:
   * The name of the genre.
   * A brief explanation of its origins and cultural significance.
   * Personal reasons for liking it (e.g., emotional connection, nostalgia, etc.).
   * A few key artists or songs that define this genre for you.
3. After posting, read through at least three classmates’ posts. Respond to each with thoughtful comments, asking questions or providing additional insights about their genre of choice.
4. Participation in the forum is graded based on:
   * Originality and depth of your post.
   * Quality of responses to others (at least 2-3 sentences per reply).

**Deadline:**

* Initial post due by Thursday, February 3, 2028.
* Responses to peers due by Sunday, February 6, 2028.