



music vs the world

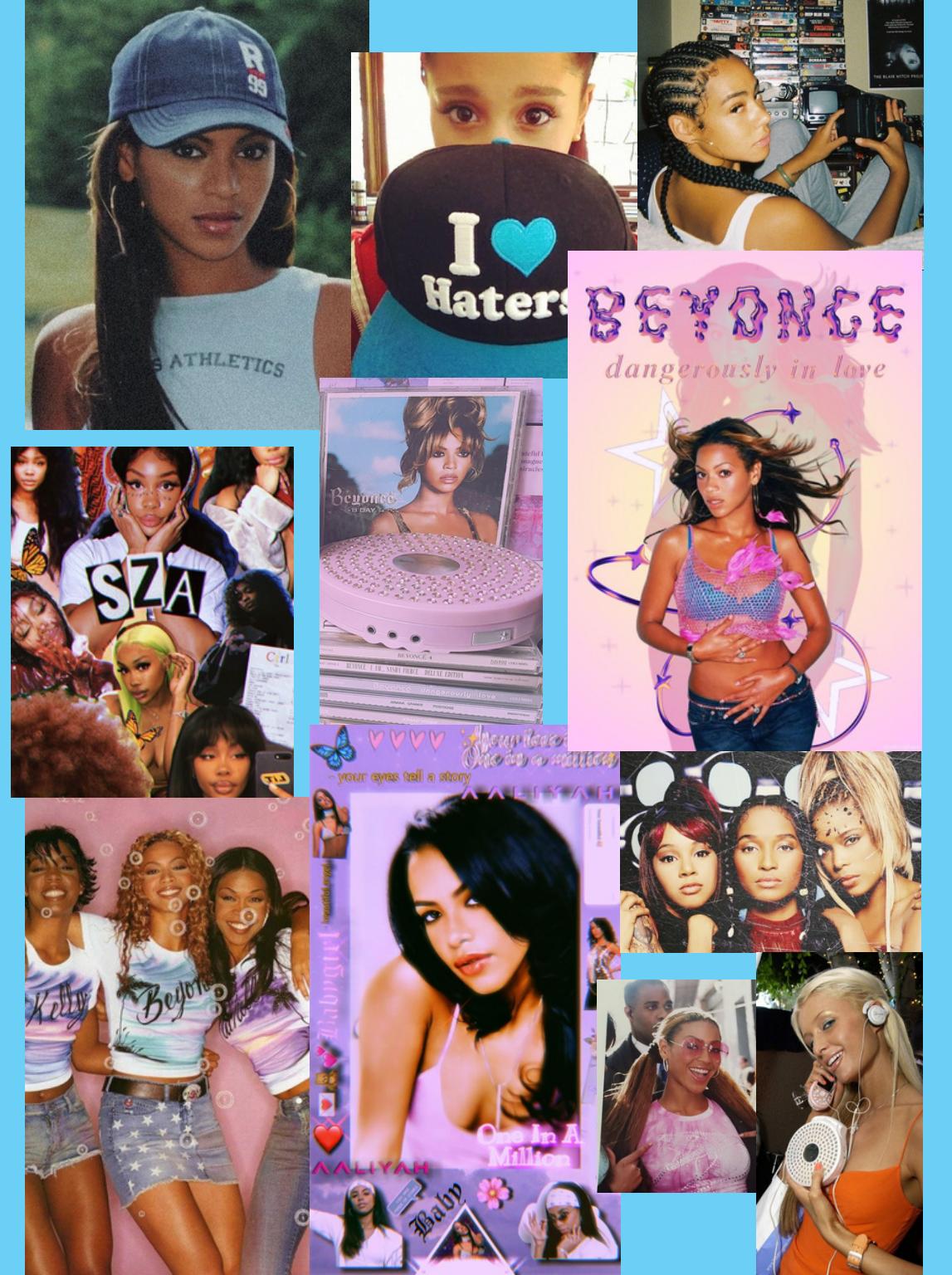


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Music is something all over the world that has no bounds and is cherished by everyone. Music comes from many different places and comes in different forms. Music has many different types of genres, ranging from hip-hop to Latin, jazz, and many more.

Everyone has a preferred style and wants when it comes to music and its styling. I took the opportunity to gather information on youth ages 13 and up, so we can see how our music tastes differ from those of various age groups. In total, 8 responses were gathered.

The demographic for the forum was 37.5% age 17, 37.5% 17+, 12.5% 15 and 12.5 14. The music genre with the most mixed opinions was Hip hop, with 50% who casually enjoyed the fifty year old genre. While 37.5% have no opinion & 12.5% who down right dislike it.



The anonymous teen stated simply “I don't like how it sounds” Moving onto the no opinion section, these respondents stated that it didn't fit their style or taste, as they have a completely different style of music they prefer. Yamilet, a 17-year-old - stated, “I'm not really a huge fan. I do find myself listening to some songs, I'd say my favorite artist is Post Malone.” Finally, we have our hip-hop enthusiasts! Many of those who enjoy this type of music have added that they have been listening to hip hop from a young age and many of their older family members have introduced it to them. Yare who is 17+ stated, “I like it because it just gives a good vibe to relax (to).” A few listed their favorite artists such as Eminem, Kendrick Lamar, Kanye West, Drake, and Chris Brown.

Moving on, we go onto K-pop, with a big gap, 75% of respondents enjoy it, while only 25% dislike it. Those who disliked said they disliked it for the fans and the fact of not being able to understand the lyrics as they are in an unfamiliar language, sadly neither respondent agreed to a 1 on 1 interview. Respondent Adriana had very strong opinions on her love for pop, as she stated “It came into my life in a moment where I needed it a lot.



I became a K-pop fan back in 2016 when I listened to 'Save Me' from BTS and I was instantly hooked on the band and the genre of music in general, it almost felt as if it altered the chemistry in my brain." She continued, 'To this day I'm still a very big fan of the genre and all of the new groups and concepts they come out with', and to that I say, me too Adriana, me too. But this seemed to be a huge similarity with those who enjoy this genre, as Yamilet confessed that through K-pop she found confidence in her skin, and was also meeting her now close friends through K-pop. As a K-pop fan myself, I see that as very true, I've met amazing people through this genre such as Yamilet.

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And finally, with our last only music genre with 100% love, give it up for LATIN MUSIC!!!! Many respondents are of Latin origins and seem to have a love for their countries' music. They all stated how they loved how it could uplift their moods and make them want to sing and dance. Many also seem to love the same artists as their parents. They see it as part of their family lives and say they will always have a place for it in their hearts.



Common artists were Selena, Kali Uchis, and Prince Royce. They also stated some of their favorite sub-genres within Latin music, such as mariachi, and borracho.

As we can see based on the statistics listed, music has the power to bring us together. If you like K-pop, Jazz, classical, or Latin music, it could bring us together and be a way to meet new people. It's something beautiful.