

MUS 15: David Bowie

Section Meeting 8

Monday, March 1, 2021

Meeting Outline

1. Opening Song: *Telling Lies*
2. Announcements
3. Conversation about Module 8
4. Discussion
5. Questions

Opening Song:

Telling Lies

Announcements

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- Discussion 7 is DUE by tonight, [Mar 1](#) at 11:59 pm.
- Discussion 8 is DUE by next Monday, [Mar 8](#) at 11:59 pm.
- Paper 2 is DUE by Thursday, [Mar 11](#) at 11:59 pm.
- **All other Unit 2 assignments are DUE by Thursday, [Mar 18](#) at 6:30 pm.** These include the weekly in-module quizzes and the Unit 2 test.

Conversation about Module 8

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- **Module 8 covered the following key topics:**
 - Bowie's influence on Britpop
 - His business ventures in the late 1990s
 - His albums *Black Tie White Noise*, *The Buddha of Suburbia*, *Outside*, *Earthling*, *Hours*, *Heathen*, and *Reality*
- Can you pick out similarities between [Champion Of The World](#) by Coldplay (2019) and [Heroes](#) by David Bowie (1977)? Consider the meaning, the lyrics, the instrumentation, and the general mood of the songs.

Discussion

Discussion: Week 8

- **Please address the following topic for Discussion 8:**
 - In hindsight, it seems like Bowie accomplished his best work when he spent the least amount of time thinking about it. In your opinion, how much of creativity comes in flashes and how much comes after prolonged thought? At what point does working with an idea become overworking an idea? Can you think of other cases where an artist lost their creative spark when they began to overthink their ideas?
- **Some ideas to get you thinking:**
 - Reflect back on the Discussion 2 writeup about creativity. How did you define creativity? Then, decide what overthinking means in the context of creativity. Does overthinking have to do with second-guessing one's natural or authentic impulses? What can that lead to? For example, do you think overproducing music is often related to overthinking a musical idea?

Discussion: Week 8

- To earn full credit for this assignment, your post must be at least 250 words long, and you must provide a 2-3 sentence response to at least one other student's post.
- *In your response to the other student, please be supportive by providing constructive feedback.*

Questions