

Writing assignment #1 – due 4/25, hard copy, in class at the beginning of lectures

One thing we've discussed in lecture is the difference between "high" and "low" music, and the notion of music as an "art." For this assignment, you'll be asked to compare the kind of musical listening you do every day with the kind we're doing in this class.

First, write down every piece of music – *every single one* – that you hear in a given 24 hour period. This will include the music you hear in restaurants, gyms, commercials, or in your room. Write down virtually every musical moment in a 24 hour period, noting the location and the artist if you can (if you can't, just describe what you heard). This list should be stapled to the paper you eventually hand in.

Then, pick three pieces that we've covered in lecture. Anything that's interested you will do.

In 500-1000 words, answer the following questions:

- 1) Is the music you hear every day "art"?
- 2) If not, what's the difference between it and "art"?
- 3) Do you listen to everyday music the same way you do to the music we listen in class?
- 4) If not, why not and what are the differences?
- 5) Can the distinction between "high" and "low" in music ever be useful?