

## What is music?

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Sound

Creativity

Poetry

Ritual (church, day to day)

Something that helps you express yourself (as a listener or as an artist)

Art

Skill

Storytelling

Mood changing, emotion changing, an amplifier for emotions

Something that every culture has

Something that brings people together (fan groups, memories, charity fundraising, make music together)

Production, a business, a career

Compelling for listeners

Thoughts

Inspiration – can make you do something, an inspiration for other art

Changes the brain or changes mental processes

Happens in a recording studio, backyard, basement, where the artist feels comfortable, mind, voice

Everybody has a physical capability for

Oxymoron for emotions in order to change oneself

Comprised of many things; representation of thoughts, beliefs, emotions of composer, musician, and listener

Art expressed through sound

Gateway to our imaginations

Expression

Language, form of communication

A connection device – between people and their emotions, their culture, and other people

Universally accessible – anyone has the ability to participate in music in some way

Depends on the person

It is not noise

Must be pleasing to the listener

Needs only one person to decide that it's music?

Something that can be felt

Is inside of you, is a mental experience

Drug – addictive and has the ability to heal

Food for the soul

Therapeutic (music therapy)

Battle, military

Entertainment

Mood booster

Express oneself to the world

Cause political movements

Homeopathic healing

Cornerstone of society

Influencing and informing people  
National identity  
Religious purposes (church music, gospel)  
Culturally impacted by the way someone was brought up  
Subjective  
Sounds that reflect the culture  
Noise that defines a decade  
Form of communication  
Sounds that evoke emotion in the listener and the player  
Something that everyone listens to; ubiquitous, everywhere; hear it everywhere even if you don't want to (someone else's car, TV); inevitable  
Is made from pretty much anything  
Intellectual expression  
Enjoyment  
Entertainment  
Making money  
Passing time  
Get you through the day  
Affects mood  
Conversation starter, ice-breaker  
Background noise  
Creates atmosphere, ambiance  
Something that's heard but not heard (not actively listened to)  
Music can be created not to be paid attention to (ambient, elevator muzak)  
Dancing  
Ever-present body whose meaning is defined by the life experiences of the listener  
Social acceptance, social capital  
Group membership/identity, security