

Guidelines for writing a 12-Bar Blues (32 pts)

1) Choose an appropriate topic about something that gives you the “blues” in your everyday life include it on your paper **(1 pt)**

2) Write 3 verses/9 lines of lyrics based on that topic **(12 pts)**

3) Each verse must contain three lines using this structure **(12 pts)**

- Line 1 – Poses a question or makes a statement
- Line 2 – Repeat of Line 1
- Line 3 – An answer or conclusion to Lines 1 & 2
- The last word of each line within a verse must rhyme

4) Give your song a title **(1 pt)**

5) Create a melody that follows the 12-bar blues chord progression **(6 pts)**

(I, IV, I, V, IV, I or do-4m, fa-2m , do-2m, so-1m, fa-1m, do-2m)

6) Practice singing your song over the 12-bar blues chord progression

7) Perform your blues for the class

12-Bar Blues

Choose a school appropriate topic and write the lyrics for a 12-bar Blues. Follow the correct lyrical form (question, question, answer)

Name: _____

Topic:
Verse 1
Line 1 (Question or Statement):
Line 2 (Repeat question or statement):
Line 3 (Answer question or concluding Statement):
Verse 2
Line 1:
Line 2:
Line 3:
Verse 3
Line 1:
Line 2:
Line 3:

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12-Bar Blues Song Rubric			
	Points Possible (32)	YES	NO
Topic included	1		
3 verses	3		
9 lines of lyric	9		
Correct lyric structure (Question/Answer)	9		
Lines within verse rhyme	3		
Song has a title	1		
Melody follows 12-bar blues progression	6		
Total Point Earned			