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*Why do songs matter?*

Thesis: “The Long and Winding Road” by The Beatles helped me cope with the car accident that killed my friend.

The pictures of my friend’s completely wrecked car would keep me up at night. While I was awake The Beatle’ssong “The Long and Winding Road” kept coming into my head. I would think about how close to home, how close to safety she was. The Beatles sing about loneliness when they sing, “Why leave me standing here, let me know the way” (The Beatles). They mean that losing someone makes you question everything. These lyrics speak to how unfair it is when someone is suddenly gone, and you’re left wondering why it happened that way. Eventually this song helped me cope because I began to hear the lyrics differently. I started to feel grateful that I was still standing here, even if it felt lonely without my friend at my side. It was my responsibility to her and to myself to make something of each day she didn’t get to be here. I also realized that I can’t know “the way,” or the reason that this all happened. I can’t know why some people are lucky when others are so unlucky – but I can remember that life is short and unpredictable and that I have to live to my fullest in the meantime.

**Identify the following elements of the body paragraph:**

1. Topic sentence
2. Context of the quote
3. Citation
4. Explanation
5. Analysis