



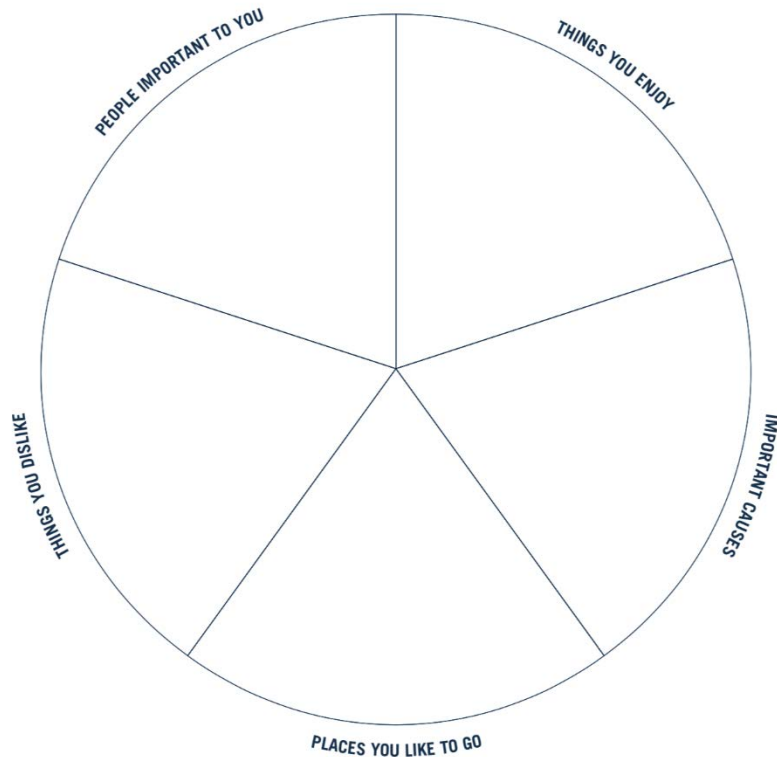
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SONGWRITING 101

LESSON 2



BRAINSTORM WHEEL



Let's hear your ideas!

- Share what you wrote on the Brainstorm Wheel
- Pay attention to any recurring ideas or themes



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LET'S REVIEW!

Parts of a song

- Song have a **title**, **verses**, a **chorus** and a **hook**.
- Some songs have a **bridge**.



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Title and hook

- In most songs, the **title** appears at least once in the **chorus**.
- The **title** is often the **hook**, the catchy phrase that makes the song easy to remember.



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Rhyme

- Most songs follow a **rhyme** scheme. **Rhymes** can be exact or approximate.

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THEME



LISTEN

“Chicken Fried”

Written by Zac Brown and Wyatt Durrette
Performed by Zac Brown Band

The **theme** is the song’s main subject.

Listen, then discuss:

- What is the **theme**?
- What are the details used in the song that support the **theme**?





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Chicken Fried, by Zac Brown Band

You know I like my chicken fried
And cold beer on a Friday night
A pair of jeans that fit just right
And the radio up

Well I was raised up beneath the shade of a Georgia Pine
And that's home you know
Sweet tea, pecan pie, and homemade wine
Where the peaches grow
And my house it's not much to talk about
But it's filled with love that's grown in southern ground

And a little bit of chicken fried
Cold beer on a Friday night
A pair of jeans that fit just right
And the radio up
I love to see the sun rise
See the love in my woman's eyes
Feel the touch of a precious child
And know a mother's love

It's funny how it's the little things in life
That mean the most
Not where you live, what you drive
Or the price tag on your clothes
There's no dollar sign
On a peace of mind
This I've come to know
So if you agree
Have a drink with me
Raise your glasses for a toast

To a little bit of chicken fried
And cold beer on a Friday night
A pair of jeans that fit just right
And the radio up
I love to see the sun rise
See the love in my woman's eyes
Feel the touch of a precious child
And know a mother's love

I thank God for my life
And for the stars and stripes
May freedom forever fly, let it ring
Salute the ones who died
The ones that give their lives
So we don't have to sacrifice
All the things we love

Like our chicken fried
And cold beer on a Friday night
A pair of jeans that fit just right
And the radio up
I love to see the sun rise
See the love in my woman's eyes
Feel the touch of a precious child
And know a mother's love



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PICK A THEME

- Let's look back at the ideas we generated from the **Brainstorm Wheel**.
- Were there any common **themes**?
- Let's decide on a **theme** to write a song about.
 - Remember: The **theme** is the main subject of the song. The theme is found in the song's **chorus**.



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SONG OUTLINE

Title: _____

Verse 1 (topic): _____

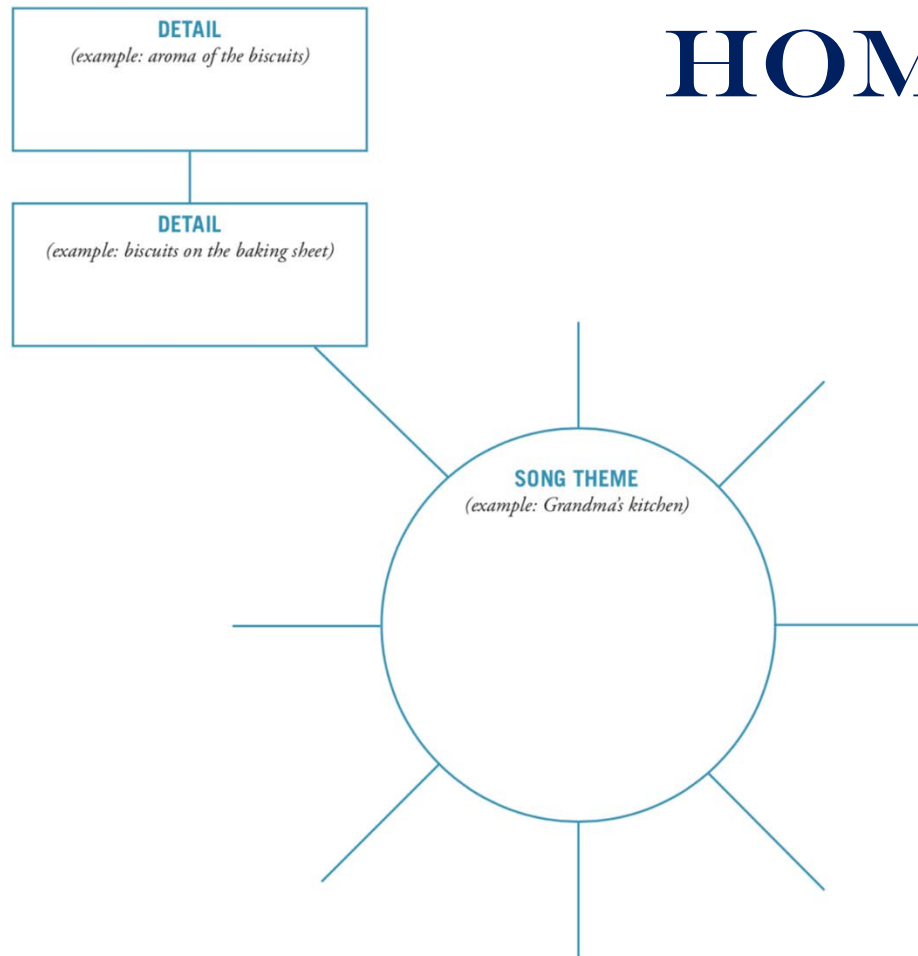
Chorus (main subject): _____

Verse 2 (topic): _____

Chorus (main subject): _____

Bridge (optional): _____

HOMework



Spider Map

- Brainstorming with a spider map helps you to add strong images to your lyrics that relate to your **theme**.
- Write your **theme** or topic in the circle and add branches for every detail that comes to mind.
- Be prepared to share what you write in our next session!