SONGWRITING CHECKLIST

Is It Ready to Be Set to Music?

Name: _____ Date: _____

- ☐ I have chosen a subject or story for my song. It is: _____
- ☐ I have written a title. It is: _____
- ☐ I have written an outline (optional).
- ☐ I have written at least one verse.
- ☐ My verses provide the details of my song. One detail is: _____
- ☐ I have written a chorus.
- ☐ The theme of my song is: _____
- ☐ My title appears somewhere in my chorus.
- ☐ I have written a bridge (optional).
- ☐ My song follows a rhyme scheme.
- ☐ This is my rhyme scheme: _____
- ☐ The lines in all my verses have approximately five to eight syllables.
  - How many syllables are in Verse 1? _____ (line 1) _____ (line 2) _____ (line 3) _____ (line 4)
  - How many syllables are in Verse 2? _____ (line 1) _____ (line 2) _____ (line 3) _____ (line 4)
  - How many syllables are in Verse 3? _____ (line 1) _____ (line 2) _____ (line 3) _____ (line 4)
- ☐ Each line in my chorus has approximately five to eight syllables.
  - How many syllables are in my chorus? _____ (line 1) _____ (line 2) _____ (line 3) _____ (line 4)