**Personal Soundtrack**

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Do you ever notice how when you are happy or sad and you turn on your iPod every song seems to fit what you are going through?

Do you ever notice how sometimes different songs pop into your head at the weirdest times?

Are there certain songs that no matter how many times you listen to them you never get tired of them?

Are there any songs that have inspired you to do something that you didn’t think you could?

Are there songs that pump you up and make you feel like you could accomplish anything?

If you answered “YES” to any of these questions then you understand how powerful songs can be.

Here is your assignment: Imagine your whole life was being made into a movie. It could be a movie from the time you were a little kid until now, or it can be a movie about where you are currently. Create the soundtrack to that movie. You must come up with 10–11 songs that will become your personal soundtrack. For each song you choose please include the reasons you chose the song as well as the time period that the song represents. Put some thought into this. Remember they should be songs that represent a certain time period or event in your life.

When you have chosen your songs, take some time to design a CD cover for your soundtrack.