

ARBETSBLAD

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POP REEL 1: Community focus

Can pop culture help society move forward and bring people together?

Let's meet the English punk music group "Skinny Girl Diet" whose members want to change society and believe music is the best way to do it.

The American Kendall Victor is such a fan of Harry Potter that she has started her own fan group to reach likeminded.

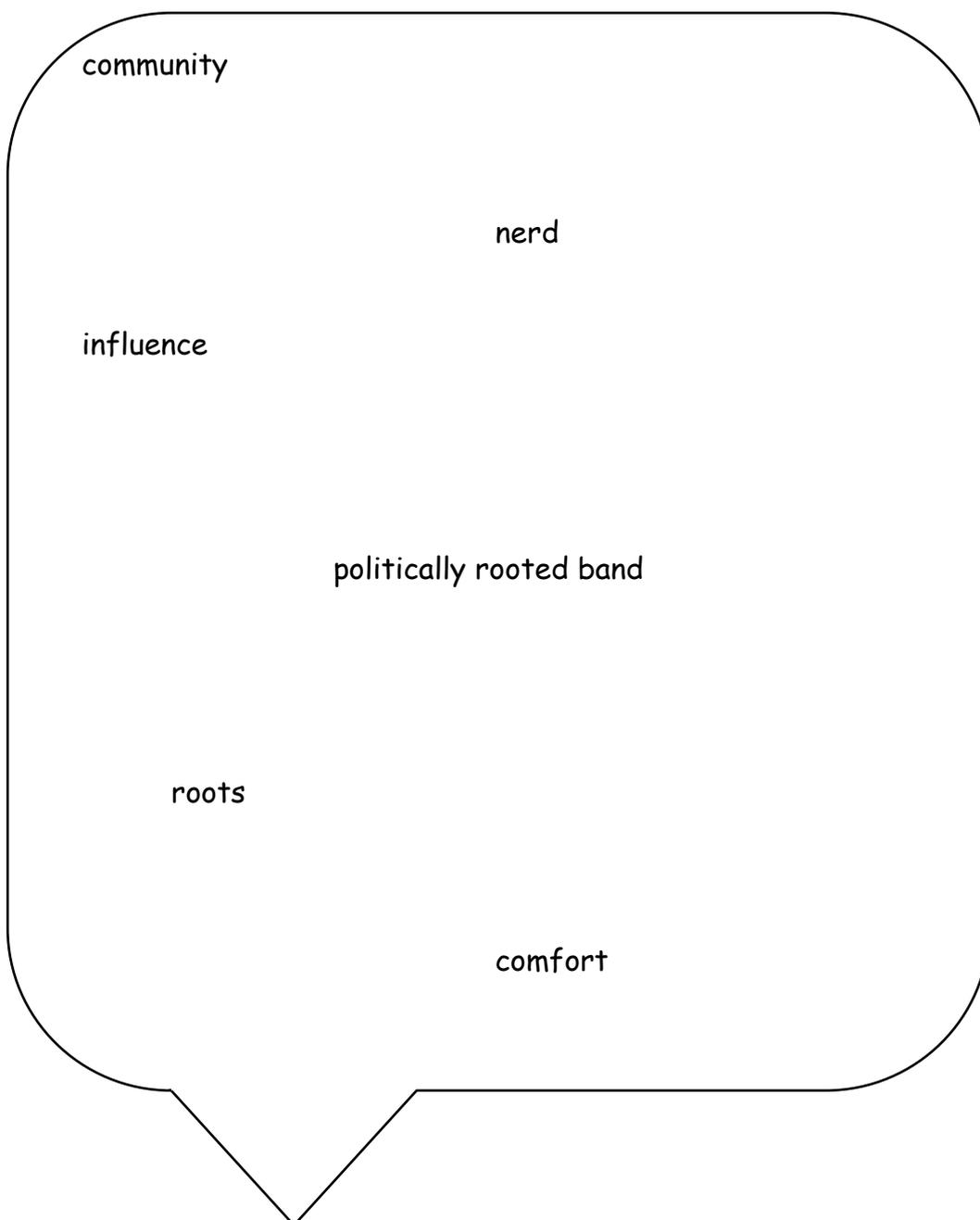
We also visit a video game and comics convention in Canada, where people meet to exchange thoughts and ideas around video games.





A. LISTEN AND WRITE

Below you will find expressions used in the program. In what context are they used and what do they mean, do you think? Try to figure it out while watching the program, then discuss with a friend to see if you got it right.



B. DISCUSS IN CLASS

- The members of “Skinny Girl Diet” think that social movement needs to be fueled by anger to make an impact. Do you agree? Why/why not? Can you give examples on different social movements that were sparked by anger? Do you know of any examples of social movements that were not?
- What do you think of music as a platform for political debate? Is music a good messenger when it comes to politics? Can you give examples of politically influenced music? Do you think any specific music genre is better for political messages? Explain your thoughts!
- What do you think makes the power of a fan group so strong? Why do you think being in a fan group, or any other kind of community where the members share the same interests, brings people together?
- What does friendship signify to you? What makes a good friend? Is it important to share the same interests with your friends? Explain your thoughts!





C. RESEARCH THE WORD/EXPRESSION

What do these words/expressions mean? Try to see if you can find them on the internet.

❖ Grunge: _____

❖ Punk music: _____

❖ Social movement: _____

❖ Peaceful protest: _____

❖ Martin Luther King: _____

❖ Capitalist: _____

❖ Fan group: _____

❖ Slytherin: _____

❖ Cultural artefacts: _____

❖ Comics: _____



D. EXTRA MATERIAL

- Search the internet for different music bands that have all female members. How many can you find? What different genres are they? Listen to the music of the groups and compare them with each other and with music from mixed groups or groups with all male members. Can you notice any differences or similarities in their music? In their lyrics? What different themes can you find in the songs? Find a group with female members only in your favorite genre. Next, find a song you like and listen to it together in class.



- Write your own political lyrics. Check out <http://www.wikihow.com/Write-Song-Lyrics> on how to write lyrics. Below you will find some angles for you approach when writing your political lyrics;
- What theme would you like to address? Youth politics? Welfare? Environment? The job situation? Education? Food? Something else?
- Are there any specific words tied to that particular politics that you can use?
- What emotions would you like to convey? Anger? Thought? Sadness? Frustration? Love? Happiness? Empowerment? Dedication?
- Who are you writing for? Friends? People your age? Adults? Politicians?
- Do you want your lyrics to be poetic? Do you want them to rhyme? Do you want them to be more in terms of spoken word?

For examples on spoken word, check out Suli Breaks in Popreel season 1, episode 3 and for more political lyrics by female artists, check out MissElaynious in Popreel season 2, episode 3.

- Create your own fan group! First, decide what your group is to be about. What things would you like to focus on? Who should it be for? What will you do in it? Will you have any activities? Will you meet irl or just online? Make a poster for your fan group to recruit members. Create your poster online, using for example www.canva.com .
- Create your own concept for a video game. Decide which platform it should be for, is it for something with a game controller or joystick? Is it for a phone? What kind of game is it? Action? Adventure? Strategy? Point and click?

Next, design a character for your game. Make sure it fits your genre.