

Date 12 / 28 PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / Picture / LyricTitle "Who We Are"Author / Director / Imagine Dragons

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

"Who We Are" is in the album for the movie *Hunger Games: Catching Fire*, and I first heard the song when the album came out in the middle of November.

Content / CD / Summary / Precis (Say? "Plot? Setting/Situation? Key lines/phrases scenes, etc? )

"Who We Are" is about a group of people, perhaps the citizens of Panem or perhaps even the cruel members of the government, who are claiming their individuality and the fact that no one can change them. Even if these people "[are] never welcome here," it wouldn't matter to them because they are ultimately and forever "who [they] are." Things may be an uphill battle for them, but there is no changing the way they were created.

Content / CM / Meaning? / Theme(s)?

The lyrics of "Who We Are" are about identity and the acceptance of that identity under all circumstances. There are so many people in life who are extremely fast to judge and label people unfairly and unjustly, completely fabricating false images of who other people are without even getting to know and understand them. Nevertheless, people shouldn't be worried about how other people think or view oneself because there is so much honor and integrity in accepting oneself as a person. Whether other people like who one is or not is no matter because all that really does matter is a positive self-esteem and attitude in order to develop one's talents and capabilities to the fullest. A person must first embrace himself or herself in order to have a positive impact on others and the world.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

"Who We Are" is an alternative rock song, meaning that it is far distinguished from mainstream rock music through its penetrating and defiant lyrics and out of the normal instrumental sounds. The lyrics mostly consist of short, abrupt lines beginning with emphasis on the first word of each line, but the chorus is much smoother and more constructed than the rest of the lyrics in the song.

Commentary (What do you want to say? Why like? Questions? Synthesis / Allusions-Connections / Relevance to personal experience, to literature, 20Q's? etc.)? "Poetic" Traits?

The lyrics of "Who We Are" are poetic because they advocate the acceptance of oneself and the promotion of one's individuality. They encourage people to stay who they are and not to let anyone hinder their abilities to be themselves, especially because self-deprecation is utterly detrimental. The refusal to let one's inner personality shine causes a build up and tangled mess of darkness, secrecy, and self-deception, which is useless and can lead to dire consequences. Particularly, the lyrics of this song are truly touching and motivating to all people who live constantly in a fear of rejection, and the rebellious tone of the combination of the music and the lyrics urges them to breakthrough their comfort zones. Moreover, the meaning of the song can evidently be seen in Bernard Baruch's quote when he says, "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind." Despite the fact that many people will probably reject a person's honest self, it doesn't matter because that person is living a life of more freedom, light, and happiness than any others will ever be able to experience.