

Two Truths & a Lie Discussion

Time: 1 hour

Level: Grades 9-12, collegiate

Purpose: The purpose of this discussion is to analyze how music functions in culture. The discussion may be held in class or online through a Learning Management System. Instructions for the online discussion may be adapted for use in person.

Instructions:

Step 1: Listen to the Trailer and four episodes of Season 1 of "[Hear in Alabama](#)."

Step 2: Consider how music functions within the cultures featured in the podcast. Here are some questions to get you started:

- What practical purposes does the music serve in its communities?
- Does the music uphold or challenge societal structures and norms? How so?
- How does the musical style reflect the music's cultural functions?

Step 3: Post three statements to this discussion and number your statements. Each statement should make a claim about how music from the podcast functions in its culture. Two of your statements should be true, and one should be false. Try to craft your lie so that your classmates can't spot it!

Step 4: Respond to at least 2 other students' posts. Identify which of their statements are lies, and explain why.