Songs are a great way to create individual expression! To write a basic song, you only need 2-3 parts!

Each section can relate to the other sections or can be completely different. It’s really up to you!

Each line can rhyme or you can write in what’s called “free-verse,” where you create lyrics that don’t rhyme at all.

- **Verses** – This part of the song tells a specific story. This is where you can elaborate and describe scenery, feelings/emotions, or even write about your day! Usually there are 2-3 verses in a song, and each of them tell different parts of the story.

- **Chorus** – This part of the song gives the big idea of the story, typically is the same throughout the whole song, and is repeated multiple times. Let’s say you write a song about the way you feel that day, the chorus could repeat something like “Today I feel happy, today I feel happy…”

- **Bridge** – This part of the song is a little different than the rest of the parts. Usually in a song, the chorus is repeated more than once at the end. The bridge “connects” these two final choruses by created something different between them.

****If you are feeling extra creative, try adding an Intro and/or an Outro to your song.****

- The **Intro** comes before the first verse, prepping the listener for the song.
- The **Outro** comes after the final Chorus, giving the listener a feeling of conclusion.
How to construct your song:

Below is an example of how the song structure for a typical popular music song is constructed. However, it is entirely up to you how you want your song to look and sound!

*Introduction (Optional) – Write something that will grab your listener’s attention.*

*Verse 1 – Begin telling your story. Use descriptive words! (Adjectives, adverbs, active verbs, etc!)*

*Chorus – Give a repeated chorus that sums up what your whole song is about!*

*Verse 2 – Continue telling the story you started in verse 1! Remember these can be similar, but you want the story to move somehow!*

*Chorus – repeat the chorus from before!*

*Bridge – Write something a little different. Maybe change up your story a little... Is there something bigger that happened in your story that’s a surprise? Now’s the time to write it! You can use descriptive words here as well!*

*Chorus – repeat the chorus from before!*

*Outro (Optional) – Write something that signals to your listener that it is the end of the song.*

**OVERVIEW**

*Intro ➔ Verse 1 ➔ Chorus ➔ Verse 2 ➔ Chorus ➔ Bridge ➔ Chorus ➔ Outro*