

Activity worksheet

Your teacher will give you a double-sided A4 sheet with song lyrics printed on either side. You'll see they have been centred on the page ready for annotating.

Look at the lyrics to the Midnight Oil song, *Beds are Burning*.

Part 1 — Collect information

- Do some online research to find out about the origin and meaning of both songs. Do not write, print out or save any information. You should complete the tasks to come by using your memory and comprehension of what you have read during your research.

Part 2 — Consider your personal response

- After you've listened to the audio recording, write about your reaction to the song, *Beds are Burning*. Think about the style of music, the beat pattern, the emotive mood and the delivery.

The Warumpi Band, which takes its name from the Honey Ant Dreaming site near Papunya in the Northern Territory, developed a unique style of rock music. Look at the lyrics to the Warumpi Band's *Blackfella, Whitefella*.

- After you've listened to the audio recording, write about your reaction to the song. Think about the message of the song, the degree to which the vocalist connects with you as the listener, and the overall power of the song to communicate.

Part 3 — Analyse one song using annotations

- Read the information on this page about making annotations.
- Use the information you have gathered to make annotations on one of the two songs, noting their important features and meaning.
- Submit your annotated sheet for marking.

What are annotations?

Annotations are brief explanatory notes made on a page in the margins around a piece of text. They usually consist of a **label** or title, followed by some **point form notes**. The notes explain the significance or meaning of the selected element of the text.

In the text itself, **certain features are marked out**. These may include headings, words, phrases, paragraphs, verses, examples of literary techniques, quotations or other elements. Sometimes they are highlighted or underlined. Lines or arrows may be used to point to the element and to link it with the appropriate notes and labels.