Analyzing "It's Your World"

Directions: As a class we will listen to "It's Your World" by Common. You all have a copy of the lyrics to use as a reference. As you listen, mark what you like, what stands out and what you can relate to.

As your listen to the song, **write your thoughts and your questions on your lyrics sheet**. Be sure to keep the following questions in mind as you write your thoughts.
After listening to the song, look over your notes and try answering the questions in writing on *this* sheet.

- What kinds of decisions do the people in the song make? How do they make those decisions?

- What messages do you see being presented in the song? Break it down by verses (1, 2 and "Be")

- What, in this song (ex. - a line, a scenario, an idea), resonates with you?

"It's Your World" Project – 30 pts.

What it is:

We have spent the period discussing Common's "It's Your World." It is essentially a song describing what life is and what life could be - how choices influence our present place in life and how they could influence our future. Now you have the opportunity to create your own example of what your life is and could be – the choices you *have* made and the ones you *want* or *hope* to make.

What You Need To Do:

Your job is to create your own version of the song. Start the poem with a story about choices in your own life. You can give your life history, you can focus on a particular event, or you can focus on a particular emotion. The point is to make it *authentically yours*. Use the song lyrics to help if you get stuck.

You must have the following:

- ✓ You must type this, but you may format it however you like (size, font, spacing etc.). It must be 300+ words.
- ✓ It must be about you – but it can be whatever you feel comfortable sharing!
- ✓ It does not have to rhyme (don't force it), but try to give it a flow or a rhythm.
- ✓ It must have 3 parts like the song; two verses followed by the "Be" advice. You do not need a hook, but you can create one if you want or borrow Common's.