

What You Learned

After you've listened to at least three of Gloria Estefan's songs, answer these questions.

1. **Write the name of the first song you listened to and describe how the song made you feel:**

2. **Write the name of the second song you listened to and and describe how the song made you feel:**

3. **Write the name of the third song you listened to and and describe how the song made you feel:**

4. **Did you identify with any of the songs' stories? Which song and why?**

5. **Think about the stories Gloria Estefan shared in the video. How do the lyrics you listened to evoke the experiences and emotions from her stories?**

Lyrics: “Reach”

Below are the lyrics for Gloria Estefan’s song, “Reach,” which debuted on her 1996 album, *Destiny*, from Epic Records.

Some dreams
Live on in time forever
Those dreams
You want with all your heart

And I'll do whatever it takes
Follow through with the promise I made
Put it all on the line
What I hoped for at last would be mine

If I could reach higher
Just for one moment touch the sky
From that one moment in my life
I'm gonna be stronger
Know that I've tried my very best
I'd put my spirit to the test
If I could reach

Some days
Are meant to be remembered
Those days
We rise above the stars

So I'll go the distance this time
Seeing more the higher I climb
That the more I believe
All the more that this dream will be mine

If I could reach higher
Just for one moment touch the sky
From that one moment in my life
I'm gonna be stronger
Knowing that I've tried my very best
I'd put my spirit to the test
If I could reach

If I could reach higher
Just for one moment touch the sky
That one moment in my life
I'm gonna be stronger
I'm gonna be so much stronger, yes I
am
I put my spirit to the test

If I could reach
If I could, if I could, if I could reach
Reach, I'd reach, I'd reach, I'd reach, I'd
reach so much higher

Brainstorming

Choose a feeling—from the word bank or one you come up with—and then brainstorm some ideas for your song, using that emotion. Continue in your writing journal if you need more space.

Circle one of the emotions below, or write your own in the blank.

peacefulness	hurt	joy	worry
love	anger	playfulness	

**When was the last time you felt the the emotion you chose?
Write about that experience here:**

Write three metaphors or similes to describe the emotion you chose.

Example: Excited is a street party, in the middle of summer

Song Template

Use the template to help you start writing your song. Remember, there's no pressure to finish it in one sitting!

Verse 1

Chorus

Verse 2

Chorus