

**1** PICK YOUR ARTIST

*Run through your song catalogue and pick 7 - 10 songs. To the right, on the worksheet write down who you could hear singing the song. Or – challenge yourself - who would you like to record one of your songs? Write down those names.*

1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____
5	_____	_____
6	_____	_____
7	_____	_____
8	_____	_____
9	_____	_____
10	_____	_____

Select an artist or artists. Go to Step 2.

Artist: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2** RESEARCH

*Write down the artist's name and start listening to their catalogue. Listen to 10 – 15 songs before you start writing down things. You're looking for patterns. Read any interviews that might reveal how they select songs or what draws them to a song.*

**SONG INFORMATION:**

What's their usual vocal range? \_\_\_\_\_

Average length? \_\_\_\_\_ Common Key? \_\_\_\_\_

## SONGWRITING WORKSHEET

# PRACTICE WRITE FOR AN ARTIST

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Is there a common theme across songs? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you hear common phrases, words or melodic lines? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do they have a preferred song structure? \_\_\_\_\_

Who are the songwriters are on their top hits? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are the common traits of their top songwriters? \_\_\_\_\_

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### ARTIST INFORMATION

Why did they start in a singing career? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do they write their own songs/are they part of the songwriting team? \_\_\_\_\_

How do they select songs? \_\_\_\_\_ Around album concept \_\_\_\_\_ Just like them

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Things they stay away from? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are there themes that align with their brand? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there personal stories that might tie to larger song ideas? \_\_\_\_\_

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**KEY SONG ELEMENTS**

List the opportunities you've found that should be incorporated into the song you're writing.

**Which of the items above do you think you should incorporate?**

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**What are key items you think you should stay away from?**

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