

## WWW.POPMUSIC.TODAY

1. Now for some info about you!

My favorite singer or band is—

My favorite song is—

My least favorite performer is—

My least favorite song is—

2. Circle the average amount of time you spend listening to music everyday.

None

5 minutes

30 minutes

1 hour

2 hours

3 hours

4 hours

8 hours

All day

3. Go back and think of your favorite song again. What is it about? Summarize the song's message in one sentence.

4. Read the statements and decide if they are T (true) or F (false).

\_\_\_ If a song has questionable lyrics or is performed by someone whose lifestyle is a bad example for others, it isn't good music.

\_\_\_ It's important for Christians to choose music carefully.

\_\_\_ Today's popular music is no worse than music from other times.

\_\_\_ Christians should listen only to Christian music.

\_\_\_ I listen to what I want to, within reason.

\_\_\_ If Jesus were a teenager today, he'd probably listen to the same music I listen to.

\_\_\_ Music really doesn't have that big an influence.

5. What do you think each passage has to say about listening to mainstream pop music?

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Galatians 2:17-21

Philippians 1:27

Colossians 2:6-8

## WWW.X-RATED.SIN

1. When you see a warning sign (something like “contains explicit sexual content”) on an Internet site, what do you do?  
 See what kind of Web site it was first  
 Check to see if there was an age restriction  
 Immediately close the site  
 Think it was a joke  
 Ignore the warning—I can look at what I want  
 Tell my parent or adult who checks the history of the Internet files  
 Lie when it asks for my age, agree to the conditions, and start surfing
  
2. In a few words, what is your definition of obscene?
  
3. What do you think—do you A (agree) or D (disagree)?  
 Popular entertainment—movies, television, music, and the Internet—causes the moral decline of culture.  
 There’s pretty much nothing anyone can do to restore a higher standard of decency to our society.  
 Swearing and foul language is so common today that it’s meaningless.  
 There should be no censorship whatsoever.  
 Popular music is getting worse and worse.  
 Obscenity laws should be strictly enforced.  
 Ratings for movies are basically useless.  
 Christians should be more active in condemning obscenity in the culture around us.  
 Obscene Internet sites should be regulated and censored.  
 Those reacting negatively to pop entertainment prove that they’re old-fashioned.
  
4. How would you respond in each of the following situations? On the way to school, one of your friends listens to a rap CD with sexually graphic and violent lyrics.
  - Flipping through TV channels, your friend stops on a show with a stand-up comedian who is saying some pretty disgusting things.
  - You find a *Playboy* at your friend’s house.
  - While surfing the Internet with your pals, your friend keyword-searches sex and nudity to look at some very explicit Web pages.
  - A friend starts to forward dirty jokes to your e-mail address.
  - You hear your dad swearing a lot.
  
5. Check out the following Bible verses—what do you think each verse has to say about living in an X-rated world?

Philippians 4:8-9

James 4:4

1 John 2:15-17