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### The Ultimate Playlist Reflection

Beyond the social aspect of group work which always makes me uncomfortably nervous, I always find it more difficult to collaborate, particularly when the subject or content of the project is something I'm vested in, something I'm interested in, and something I already have an idea about. Rather than truly listen I find myself using rhetoric to try to influence the outcome. That's not completely true, I listen honestly and attentively as a group member, but rather than consider other ideas on their own merit, I tend to consider how they would improve or expand upon my initial thought. I realize the importance of collaboration in the creative process and the value of varied experience and perspective, I mean other group members suggested songs and artist I had never heard of and might even start listening to myself, but I struggle without a clear and intentional focus or goal. Ultimately, we battled it out, and because others in the group felt passionately about their choices, as passionately as I did, we ended up with a list that is diverse through compromise. We called it the vomit test...each member suggested songs in turn and if the choice didn't make other members want to vomit, it was added.