

ONE CER ACTIVITY USING 3 MUSIC PLAYLISTS

Big Idea

As part of a getting to know you exercise and to practice CER, I told students about Youtube, Spotify, and TikTok's algorithms and how they are able to accurately predict other songs or videos I would like to watch based on what I've previously viewed and my personality and interests. I told my students to pretend they were the algorithm and to try to predict the songs I like to listen to.

Instructions

I showed them 3 playlists I created and to told them to predict the playlist that is actually a playlist I listen to heavily (the other two are not songs I listen to regularly). My playlists are found below.

We listened to clips of each song before they started and we even played a short game of 20 questions. Then, I gave them 5 minutes to come up with a conclusion as to which playlist was mine. I told them to explain their choice using the CER or Claim Evidence Reasoning format and to use their observations of me as their evidence.

Playlist 1

1. Sweet Child of Mine (Guns N Roses)
2. Smells like Teen Spirit (Nirvana)
3. One More Time (Daft Punk)
4. Happy (Pharrell Williams)
5. Break My Heart (Dua Lipa)

Playlist 2

1. Take on Me (Aha)
2. Livin La Vida Loca (Ricky Martin)
3. GoldDigger (Kanye West)
4. We Can't Stop (Miley Cyrus)
5. Blinding Lights (The Weeknd)

Playlist 3

1. Take Me Home, Country Roads (John Denver)
2. California Love (2Pac)
3. It's Gonna Be Me (NSYNC)
4. Best Song Ever (One Direction)
5. Leave Before You Love Me (Jonas Brothers)