



# A Level Media Studies

## Summer Preparatory Work



One of the key aspects of Media Studies at A Level is representation. You will have to consider this in detail across a range of media forms, including music videos. These tasks are to help you develop your knowledge, and prepare you for September:

1. Watch the following music videos and make notes on how men and women are represented:

- Rio (Duran Duran, 1982)
- Like a Prayer (Madonna, 1989)
- Connection (Elastica, 1995)
- Wannabe (Spice Girls, 1997)
- Without Me (Eminem, 2002)
- It's My Life (No Doubt, 2003)
- If I Were A Boy (Beyonce, 2008)
- Crossfire (Brandon Flowers, 2010)
- Blurred Lines (Robin Thicke, 2013)
- Roar (Katy Perry, 2014)



2. How do music videos represent gender in a positive or negative way? Research how music videos have changed since the arrival of MTV in 1981, and write an essay about this.

- Include references to **at least** 5 different music videos within your writing, giving specific examples from within them.
- One of your chosen videos should be one not on the above list, in order to reflect your own media interests and tastes.
- You can focus on the representation of men, women or both.
- Your essay should be between 400-600 words long.

*Enjoy your summer holidays, see you in September!*