Name: _____

My Song Journal

One of the greatest ways to learn on the guitar is to learn songs. In this class, you'll have basic exercises and classic songs that you'll be learning, but I also want you to learn stuff that inspires you! Every day, you'll have time to work on playing challenging or exciting tunes.

For every study guide you turn in, you'll also have reflections on learning songs. For the first semester, you'll have about five new songs I want you to try playing, **so you should have five full-page entries**. Easy! You can use the songs we learn in class at first, but as you get better at chords I'd like you to try new things. Check out youtube, guitar tabs online, and your own MP3 collection to start to try to play songs. Here are some things you'll want to reflect on and write about in your journal:

- The title and author
- Why do you like this song so much?
- Why don't you like this song?
- What is the music theory behind it? What key is it in? What time signature does it use?
- What's your favorite lyric? What makes it so good?
- Write out some lines of the song and the chords
- What has made this so popular for people listening to it?
- Was this song challenging to play at first? Why or why not?
- Describe the process as to why you chose this song.
- Describe the process as to how you got better at this song. How long did it take? Which chord(s) was difficult? When did the song become easier.
- Anything else you want to write!

Other options:

- You can also chose to write your own songs. Please include the lyrics and chords, as well as the process for the song.
- You can record your song on "soundtrap"
- Email this journal to me in the form of a blog online – jwendel@muhsd.org

My Song #1

Title: _____ Artist: _____ Date produced: _____

Chords: _____

Reflections: _____

My Song #2

Title: _____ Artist: _____ Date produced: _____

Chords: _____

Reflections: _____

My Song #3

Title: _____ Artist: _____ Date produced: _____

Chords: _____

Reflections: _____

My Song #4

Title: _____ Artist: _____ Date produced: _____

Chords: _____

Reflections: _____

My Song #5

Title: _____ Artist: _____ Date produced: _____

Chords: _____

Reflections: _____