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Sample Comparison Body Paragraph

**Thesis:**

The similarity between classic rock and roll music and modern music is striking in the areas of popular music, rap music, and country music .

**Body Paragraph 1:**

A significant similarity between classic rock and roll music and present-day popular music exists. For example, classic rock music uses a time signature of 3/4, as does most present day pop music. This time signature creates a steady beat with which listeners can clap along. This regular rhythm causes toes to tap, and hands to clap in an appealing pulse. Another way in which classic rock and current pop music are identifiably similar is in its audience appeal. Classic rock sustained itself on preaching to the younger generation listeners of its time with lyrics about love, protest, and angst. Not surprisingly, modern pop music also engages the younger audience with similar themes, although perhaps the language has changed. Further, another similarity between classic rock and roll and modern popular music is its ability to reflect concerns while advocating for change. It is notable that classic rock lyrics often professed disappointment over political situations, such as the Vietnam police action. Likewise, modern pop artists use their medium to advance their own political and social agendas, such as is the case for pop artists like Beyonce and Lady Gaga . Overall, while obvious differences exist, the similarity between classic rock and modern pop music is strikingly similar.

**Body Paragraph 2:**

In addition to popular music, rap music, too, has significant similarities to classic rock and roll.