

“How the Music Sounds: Travon and Gabriella”
Transcript

0:04 Crystal (off camera): Talk to me about the pieces of music. What did you choose, and why did you pick those?

Travon: I chose them because they were already on my computer. And they were free. They were shared. So I chose them, and plus they made my video more, it enhanced my video a lot more than what I expected it to.

0:28 So the first one that I chose, [...] the song was entitled “Sleep Away” and it was a low, soft melody. [Travon’s video plays.] And I could relate that feeling that you get when listening to that to more of an innocent person that’s just coming to college. So that’s why I put it at the beginning of my presentation when it opens up with the summer, because usually this is your first time in college, your first time being from home. So the soft music integrates the innocence that you have because this is your first time actually being here.

1:10 And then the second one is, [...] it’s more of an upbeat tone for the fall. Not really that upbeat, but it’s more like, *ok* [bobs head and moves hands], it’s starting to pick up. [Travon’s video plays.] So then I integrated that sound with the fall because if you’re a Bridge student coming in from the fall, you feel like, *ok, I know what to expect. I’m ready. I’m not this innocent person I was three months ago, so all right. Let’s go.*

1:40 Crystal (off camera): Did you know that song before you did the video?

Gabriella: Yes. [...] I chose, I really wanted to choose a strong song, and I instantly thought “Jesus Walks,” by Kanye West, a) because it has a religious connotation to it, and b) the actual, the way the song sounds, it was very strong. [Gabriella’s video plays.] And it was kind of aggressive, and that’s the approach I wanted to take. And I just knew there were a lot of great lyrics in there, and a lot of great beats. And I thought, even when you just listen to the song, I think it’s very powerful. So with images, I just thought it would work out. [Gabriella’s video continues to play along with “Jesus Walks.”]