**Reading Assignment for Unit 2:**

Essay Question: “Why wouldn’t Adorno be a fan of Justin Bieber [or insert any relevant modern-day popular group]?”

Part 1: You need to use Adorno’s views on the commodification of music to argue what Adorno might say is wrong with Bieber’s music. Be sure to use Adorno’s views from the reading and make sure that the argument is sound from Adorno’s perspective. In addition, use the examples from Plato, Schopenhauer, or other philosophers or musicians that support his position.

Part II: Now that you have argued for Adorno, now present an argument in defense of all of Justin Bieber and all the “Beliebers” out there. Point out problems in Adorno’s arguments, biases etc.—use the examples from Plato, Schopenhauer, or other philosophers or musicians to counter his position. (6)