

1. Create a duet with an artist from TikTok. Creators sometimes call these videos “open verse challenge.” You’ll want to make sure that you’re creating or improvising new material—not performing a cover of an existing song.

- [Here are examples I suggest](#), but if you find a promising example on your own, I encourage you to explore different options that fit the guidelines of an open verse or duet of new music.
- Pay attention to the genre implied by the original video and *all* musical parameters present (or absent, as the case may be).
- Choose one aspect to duet with the video: this might be a vocal line (with or without lyrics), a melody performed on an instrument, a beat or percussive line, a bass line,
- Ideally, upload it to TikTok and share the link with me. If you object to using the platform, you can send me a video recording in a common video format (.mp4, .wav). You can also upload your video to Instagram, YouTube, or Facebook as a reel if you prefer these platforms.

2. Write a short response (~300 words) describing your approach to the duet and answer the following questions.

Why did you pick the particular example? Did you strive to replicate specific aspects of the style or intentionally go against them—cite what and why. If you added another layer, what would it be? What was the most challenging aspect of this task, technologically *and* musically?

Figure 2: “Duet Me” Assignment Grading Rubric

Category	Scoring Criteria	Total Points	Score
Performance (10 pts)	Vocal/Instrumental considers intonation, style, and timbre	5	
	Audio quality allows for a clean performance	5	
	Harmony is stylistically appropriate	5	

Content (15 points)	Melody is smooth, leaping when necessary and appropriate	5	
	Timbre, dynamics, and texture are considered in relation to the original video	5	
Narrative Summary (15 points)	Summary discusses challenges faced in the assignment and how they were overcome	5	
	Narrative connects the material to either the social/cultural context of the song or lyrics	5	
	Musical choices (harmonic, rhythmic, textural, timbral, etc.) are explained as necessary	5	
Score	Total Points	40	

Holistic Rubric:

- 5: Above average, nearly flawless
- 4: Present with good effort
- 3: Idea is sufficiently present but underexplored
- 2: Needs development
- 1: Barely detectable, needs considerable change
- 0: Missing