

# NOMINATIONS FOR MTV AWARDS - GUIDE



◆ **Domain:**

Access to information

◆ **Benchmark:**

Understand the structure and conventions of different text types and use this knowledge as needed

◆ **Benchmark:**

Understand the main ideas and supporting details in a text and use this knowledge as needed

◆ **Description:**

Students read a written interview with a female “pop star” who has been nominated for the “Best Female Singer” award. The students are then required to write a short article about the star for a teenage magazine.

◆ **Rationale for choice of topic:**

Modern music is central to the lives of most teenagers, and “pop stars” are a particular source of admiration. Most, if not all teenagers are familiar with MTV as it broadcasts modern and pop music around the clock. Even if they are not familiar with the actual TV station, the MTV music awards are covered in newspapers and on the radio, etc. Many students spend much of their time watching MTV programs, or have their televisions tuned to the stations even when doing other things. Most teenagers take a special interest in the lives of their favorite pop stars – this being part of a teenage culture.

◆ **Suggestions for implementation (prior to and/or during):**

Make sure your students are aware of the features of a teen magazine article. Ensure also that all students are familiar with MTV and the fact that awards are given to outstanding artists for their accomplishments. For those students who may not be familiar with MTV, you could simply change the name of the organization to one they are familiar with that also bestows rewards on artists.

◆ **Suggested time allotment:**

Double lesson

◆ **Prerequisites:**

- Awareness of features of a magazine article
- Knowledge of presenting information in a “question-answer” format

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_



## NOMINATIONS FOR MTV AWARDS - TASK

*In this task you will be asked to write an article about a famous singer based on information from an interview:*

Every year MTV gives awards to singers. Before the awards, MTV prints a special bulletin called *Candidate for MTV Awards*. The bulletin includes an interesting and exciting article describing each candidate. MTV has asked the fans to write the article and they will print the best one in their bulletin.

Mel Swain is a world famous singer who has been nominated for the MTV "Best Female Singer" award. You will write the article about her. Your article will be based on notes that John Joseph wrote when he interviewed her.

**Read** the interview and **write** an interesting and exciting article describing Mel Swain based on the information in John Joseph's notes. (Write at least 100 words.)

**Pay attention:**

John Joseph's notes are written in short form and not as full sentences.

**Note:**

**Read** the checklist before you start working and **fill it in** when you finish.

bulletin - עלון - نشرة

identity card - כרטיס זהוי - بطاقة هوية

## NOMINATIONS FOR MTV AWARDS - CHECKLIST

What to check	✓
I wrote an interesting and exciting article.	
My article is good enough to be printed in the MTV bulletin.	
I included all the relevant details in my article.	
I checked my grammar.	
I checked my spelling.	
I checked my punctuation.	



## John Joseph's notes from his interview with Mel Swain:

**Question:** How long have you been singing?

Began at age 5. In 1985. Became professional age 16.

**Question:** Where were you born?

Denver, Colorado.

**Question:** Did you learn music when you were young?

Whole family into music. Brother plays drums. Mother music teacher. Father sings in choir. All members of family into music.

**Question:** Did your family then encourage you to become a professional singer?

Everyone said has special gift, beautiful singing voice. Family support all the way. Mother taught piano and helped get first audition at music studio.

**Question:** Your last album sold over 2 million copies. How do you feel about that?

Great. Happy that everyone enjoys what loves to do anyway.

**Question:** Who and what would you say has most influenced your music?

60's music. Joni Mitchel. Rhythm and Blues. Folk music.

**Question:** You have made four successful albums. Which one of your albums do you like the best?

Likes them all. Maybe "Twilight". Wrote the lyrics and most of the music for it.

**Question:** And your favorite song?

Difficult question. First song wrote at 10 years old, never sang it, not on an album, but is one that likes best. First step in career. Real favorite "Sky Dreams".

**Question:** Were you surprised when you heard you were nominated for the MTV "Best Female Singer" award?

Yes. Are so many other wonderful female singers. An honor.

**Question:** What are your plans for the future?

Doesn't make plans. Says - Up till now wrote songs and sang, will do same in future. What she knows and if audience likes it that's good too.




## NOMINATIONS FOR MTV AWARDS - RUBRIC

Dimension	Text Type	Content	Vocabulary	Language Usage and Conventions
Criteria <b>Grade Level</b>	<i>Features of an article</i>	<i>Matching of information</i>	<i>Appropriacy to topic Range</i>	<i>Grammar, spelling and punctuation</i>
<b>On Target 5</b>	Clear distinction between opening, body and conclusion. Arouses reader's interest in topic.	Direct and complete match between article and notes.	Vocabulary is appropriate to topic and genre. Vocabulary is rich and varied.	Generally tenses are correct, both in form and use. Mostly correct spelling. Correct punctuation throughout.
<b>4</b>				
<b>On Your Way 3</b>	Includes opening, body and conclusion. Some attention paid to arousing interest of reader in topic.	Some match between article and notes.	Vocabulary is usually appropriate to topic and genre. Range of vocabulary is adequate.	Some mistakes in use and/or form of tenses. Spelling mistakes detract from meaning or reader's understanding. Aware of need to punctuate by making some use of punctuation marks.
<b>2</b>				
<b>Starting Out 1</b>	No obvious distinction between opening, body and conclusion. No attention paid to arousing interest of reader.	No obvious match between article and notes.	Vocabulary is inappropriate to topic and/or genre. Vocabulary is poor and limited.	No sense of understanding use of tenses; mistakes in form detract from reader's understanding. Poor spelling makes it impossible to understand. No sense of understanding use of punctuation.


# NOMINATIONS FOR MTV AWARDS - EXEMPLARS\*

## NOMINATIONS FOR MTV AWARDS



Mel Swain Nominated for MTV Award

Written by \_\_\_\_\_



Would you believe that a singer like  
Mel Swain started to sing in a very  
young age like 5 years old?

Mel Swain born in a small town outside  
Denver, Colorado, U.S.A.

She started singing in 1985, when she  
was 5 years old she is a very young  
and in a short time became professionally  
singer. All members of her family are into  
music and her family encourage her &  
supported her all the way. She love  
listening to a lot of 60s music but  
she was young & she love especially  
Jehi Mitchel.

she wrote all the lyrics on that album  
and most of the music.

And the end in my opinions she  
a wonderful singer & I recommend  
to continued her career because  
she has a very long way.

good luck!!!

\* The original pilot task included a written interview which contained full sentences. This was subsequently changed to note form.

Text Type	Content	Vocabulary	Language Usage & Convention
3	3	2	2

## NOMINATIONS FOR MTV AWARDS



### Mel Swain Nominated for MTV Award



Written by \_\_\_\_\_

There are many great singers in the world that most of them sing in Mtv. One of that singers is Mel Swain, she started to sing in a very young age (5 years old) and in a short time became a professional singer.

She was born in a small town outside Denver, Colorado U.S.A in a very musical family, all the members of her family played an instrument or sang, they said that Mel had a gift and she heeded to sing. Mel liked the music of the 60s and very the singer Joni Mitchell.

She has a very great career. She made four albums and she sold 2 million copies of her last one.

She is a very great singer.

Text Type	Content	Vocabulary	Language Usage & Convention
3	3	3	3

NOMINATIONS FOR MTV AWARDS



Mel Swain Nominated for MTV Award



Written by \_\_\_\_\_

In all my life, I didn't heard a such beautiful voice of singers (except Natalia otero).  
 In last week her and her band was in front of the public. Every one was shocked: "Mel... Mel..."  
 In all the show she change her clothes four times, and she sang (25) twenty five songs from her albums. She is so pretty and wonderful girl.

So, who you are Mel???

Mel borned in a small town outside of Denver, Colorado. When she was five (5) years old, she started to sing and in six (6) years old she was a professional singer. Today she is twenty one (21) years old. All her members of her family are into music. Her brother plays the drums, her mother is a music teacher and her father is sings in a choir. She have four (4) successful albums and she loves them all but the most of them she loves the album who call in simplyly: "Twilight".

This is Mel Swain. - -

Text Type	Content	Vocabulary	Language Usage & Convention
4	3	1	1

## NOMINATIONS FOR MTV AWARDS



Mel Swain Nominated for MTV Award



Written by \_\_\_\_\_

Mel Swain is nominated for the best female singer MTV award. Everything began from a little girl, 95 years old from a small town outside Denver Colorado. But in a professional singing about 6 years ago, and now she is 21 years old and she candidate for MTV: The best female singer. She has very big influences from her family because her brother plays the drums, and her mother is a music teacher and her father sings in the choir in his free time. and that's how she became a good singer.

Text Type	Content	Vocabulary	Language Usage & Convention
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# NOMINATIONS FOR MTV AWARDS

## שאלון לתלמיד המבצע משימה

שלום תלמידים,

זה עתה סיימתם לעבוד על המשימה באנגלית. אנו מעוניינים ללמוד על ההתנסות שעברתם על מנת לשפר את המשימה. על כן אנו מבקשים שתקדישו מספר דקות כדי לענות על השאלות המצורפות כאן (ענו בעברית). תודה לכם מראש על שיתוף הפעולה.

- האם התנסיתם במהלך לימודיכם בחטיבות הביניים (כל מקצועות הלימוד) במשימות מן הסוג הזה? כן/לא (הקיפו את התשובה המתאימה).
- מה במיוחד אהבתם במשימה ומה לא אהבתם? פרטו.

אהבתי לכתוב את הכתבה בעברית כי היא יותר מעניינת לי.  
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- מה היו הקשיים בביצוע המשימה? פרטו (אם היו מספר שאלות במשימה, אל תשכחו לציין את מספר השאלה שאליה אתם מתייחסים).

קשה היה לכתוב את הכתבה בעברית כי היא יותר מעניינת לי.  
מאזן מילים ופסוקים לא היה טוב.  
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- מה הייתם משנים במשימה? פרטו.

אני הייתי מוסיפה שיתוף מידע את המשימה על המשימה.  
בצורת קולנוע, כך אנחנו לא היינו צריכים לכתוב אותה.  
וכן הסרטים היו יותר מעניינים ובהם היה יותר קל.  
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- מה הייתם משנים ב-checklist? פרטו.

לא היה checklist!  
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- האם יש עוד הערות/הארות/רעיונות שהייתם רוצים לחלוק אתנו? פרטו.

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