

# Foo Fighters's "My Hero"

## CLOSE READING AND ANALYSIS

### Close reading instructions:

- Read through the song the first time without your pencil in hand.
- Then read through the song again, focusing on each stanza individually.
- Consider and mark (you can underline or draw stars) by details you think are important) AND make notes telling why they are important
- Circle any words that you don't know or understand; try to go back and look them up
- Put a question mark by anything you don't understand
- Put a "C" anywhere you can make a connection and write an explanation
- put the main idea of each stanza at the end of it

## "MY HERO" LYRICS

Too alarming now to talk about  
Take your pictures down and shake it out  
Truth or consequence, say it aloud  
Use that evidence, race it around

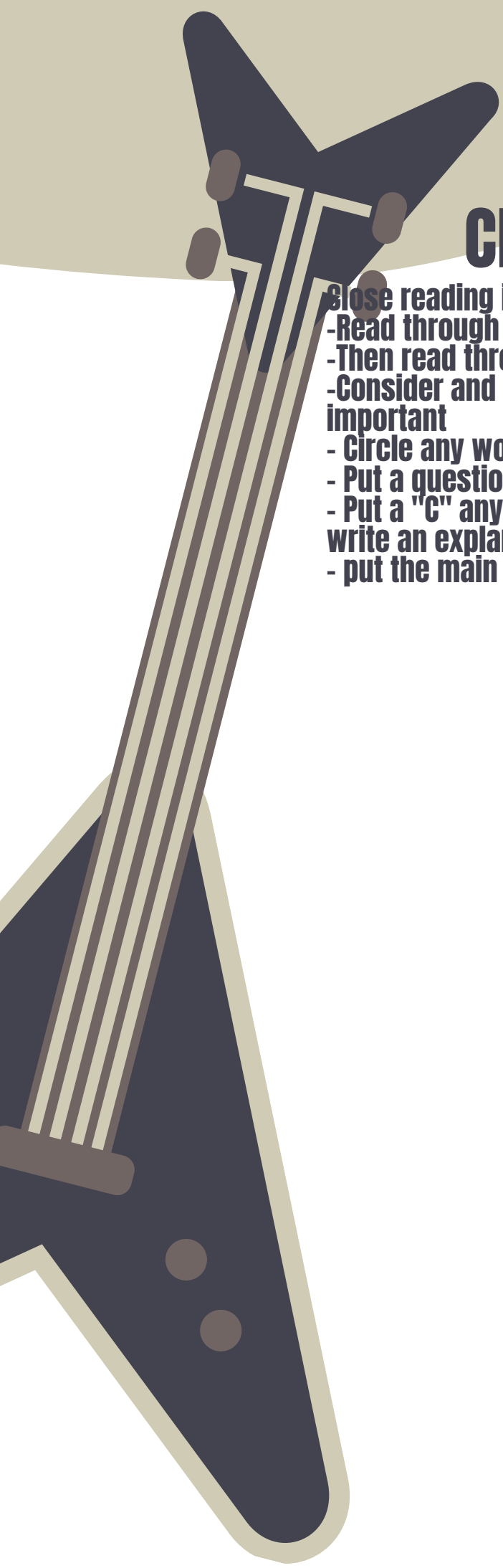
There goes my hero  
Watch him as he goes  
There goes my hero  
He's ordinary

Don't the best of them bleed it out  
While the rest of them peter out  
Truth or consequence, say it aloud  
Use that evidence, race it around

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Watch him as he goes  
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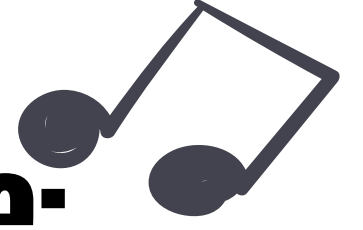
Kudos, my hero  
Leaving all the best  
You know my hero  
The one that's on

There goes my hero  
Watch him as he goes  
There goes my hero  
He's ordinary  
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Watch him as he goes  
There goes my hero  
He's ordinary





# Answer after close reading is complete:



1. What does it mean to be ordinary? Is there anything negative about that?

2. Who does the song consider to be heroes?

3. The first stanza tells listeners to "take your pictures down". What does that mean?

4. Later in the song, it says "You know my hero." Why/how do you know him/her?

Watch the music video...

5. How is the main character of the video depicted as a hero?

6. Why do you think we don't get to see his face?