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Meet Mikayla “Koffee” Simpson!

I can analyze, describe, and interpret music and musical performances.

Koffee Fast Facts!

- At age 19, she won the 2020 Grammy for Best Reggae Album—the first woman and youngest artist to win in this category
- She was born in 2000 and grew up in Spanish Town, Jamaica
- She sang in the choir at her church; taught herself to play guitar at the age of 12
- She was given her nickname by friends when Mikayla ordered coffee on a very hot day, and everyone else ordered cold sodas
- She started writing lyrics as a teenager – a line or two, then a chorus or verse
- She composed all of the songs she is performing today
- Lyrics of her songs focus on faith, resilience, and gratitude

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Cmzn8BIOdA>

Koffee: NPR Music Tiny Desk Concert

View Koffee’s Tiny Desk concert multiple times and choose 3 of the tasks to complete. Use music vocabulary where appropriate.

A. Complete the chart to describe one element in each song.

Song	Element	Three words to describe the element in that song
“Raggamuffin”	Diction	
“Rapture”	Breath control, Phrasing	
“Toast”	Beat	
“W”	Melody	

- B. Do you think the songs Koffee has chosen to sing today would be good dance music?
Explain your answer with details from the music.

- C. What elements in her concert make you think Koffee is much older than she is? Explain with details.

- D. Invite someone else in your house to watch this short concert with you (15 minutes).
What do you notice together? Explain with details.

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Insightful responses with good details; Music vocabulary used appropriately	Mostly reasonable responses with some level of details; Mostly appropriate use of music vocabulary	Major details are overlooked in the responses; Major errors in use of music vocabulary Or Incomplete