



Inquiry Path What are the effects of music piracy?

In a few sentences, write a synthesis of what you have learned from your research about this inquiry Path. This synthesis should provide an answer to your Inquiry Path, referencing your sources. At this point, you are NOT yet expected to provide your personal perspective. You simply give an account of your findings and analysis of sources. Draw from the Forming and Organizing Evidence-Based Claims tools you have developed for this Inquiry Path and use connecting words to help express the logic of your ideas.

The music industry claims to be experiencing negative economic affects of music piracy. For example, music producers say that billions of dollars and countless jobs are lost because of music piracy. Yet, music enthusiasts and pirates alike think that free access to music increases access and appreciation.

While music piracy led the industry to create innovative ways to charge the consumer for music, it also created a generation of music listeners more intent on collecting rather than listening to music. As a result, people download few albums or simply stream music on Pandora, so the majority of artists still experience little profit. Furthermore, artist who wish to give their music away for free reconsider because it may just get lost the thousands of abandoned gigabytes on people's computers. Piracy and high access to music then seems to not encourage appreciation of artists and their music, and instead creates a user who simply wants high quantity of music.

On the other hand, neurologists have found why we may like large access to music. Our brains crave the predictability of familiar music, but we also relish slightly different music as well. This may explain why piracy is still popular, and why music sites such as Pandora and Spotify, which both make massive amounts of music easily available to its clients, are becoming so popular. The success of Daniel Ek, creator of Spotify, could not have happened if people did not appreciate music.