

Most people have a favorite band that they would do anything to meet and are completely infatuated with. People choose a favorite band depending on what type of music they enjoy listening to. My infatuation is with Dave Matthews Band, or DMB. I <sup>and (on whom)</sup> was first introduced to their music when I was in eighth grade. Dave Matthews Band is my favorite band because they are down to earth people, their live shows are incredible, and I can always relate to their music.

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The first reason Dave Matthews Band is my favorite band is because they are down to earth. I am a person who does not get hyper over situations; I am an easy-going person. For that reason, Dave Matthews Band fits my personality. They are calm and mellow people on and off the stage. During their shows, they dress casually in shorts and t-shirts or jeans and t-shirts. I attended one of their shows in Virginia Beach, and they were dressed in white t-shirts and jean shorts. <sup>also / further</sup> During interviews on television, they are friendly and talk to people as if they were not famous. For instance, I watched them on the Today show in July and they proved to be calm and casual as usual. They interacted with the crowd by taking pictures and holding conversations, they cracked jokes with the hosts, and <sup>they</sup> sang a few requested songs. This indicates to me that they are not out to impress anyone.

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In addition to their down-to-earth personalities, another reason Dave Matthews Band is my favorite band is their live shows. Attending their live shows is a mind-blowing experience. The length of their live shows is quite longer than other bands. They

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will start playing at seven o'clock and will not stop playing until between eleven o'clock and midnight. After attending their show in Camden, New Jersey, in 1999, I really started to appreciate DMB. During the show, they played fifteen songs, <sup>not a ic</sup> and had a few surprises for the crowd. Dave Matthews did solo acoustic performances <sup>x x x x x</sup> which <sup>is</sup> awe inspiring, because he is phenomenal with a guitar. The crowd sang along to the songs, while the band jammed out, and everyone passed around giant beach balls. It was the perfect thing to do on a summer night.

Although I like them for their personalities and their live shows, the most <sup>— sound</sup> important reason DMB is my favorite band is because I can completely relate to their music. I use a few of their songs for every mood that I am in. For example, when I'm happy, I like listening to "Two Step" because the beat of the song is hyper. The words of this song that really get me going are "Celebrate we will, cause life is short but sweet for certain." If I ever get in a mood in which I start to wonder what life is about, I will listen to "Dancing Nancies" because the song revolves around a question of existence "Could I have been?" Before my friends go back to college, we listen to "Stay." This song is about having fun with friends but having to let them go at one time or another. In "Stay" DMB sings, "I shall miss these things when it all rolls by" and it makes me think of all the fun times we have shared. When I experience hard times, regardless of their nature, I listen to "Crash Into Me" because Dave Matthews wrote this song when his sister was killed by violence. It does not matter what day it is or what time it is, there is a DMB song for everyone.

I have always been someone who listens to all different types of music from heavy metal, to country. The first time I heard DMB I found a music that was in the middle of rock music and easy listening. The band seemed to be something I needed because they have been my obsession ever since. Every summer I attend four or five live shows, and they keep getting better. The Dave Matthews Band is my favorite band for many reasons, including their personalities, the live shows they perform, and their style of music. All this talk about DMB has made me anxious to see them, luckily, summer is almost here.