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### Marilyn Manson Versus BTS

Two very influential bands are Marilyn Manson and BTS. However, these bands are nothing alike. The members of the two bands greatly differ, their messages are on completely different ends of the spectrum, and their music falls under different genres.

In all, Marilyn Manson has had thirteen different members since it was founded in 1989. The three original members included Marilyn Manson on vocals, Twiggy Ramirez on bass, and Gil Sharone on drums, under the title Marilyn Manson and the Spooky Kids. The band's current members are Marilyn Manson on vocals, Gil Sharone on drums, and Tyler Bates on lead guitar. They go by Marilyn Manson, having dropped the last part of their name in 1993. All of the band members have been American, with the exception of one guitar player from Sweden and one guitar player from England.

Marilyn Manson's band can fall under many genres, including industrial metal, industrial rock, alternative, metal, hard rock, glam rock, and shock rock. The band can fall under seven genres because Manson is always experimenting with new techniques and instruments. Those aspects, coupled with dark and brooding outfits, have put many albums and videos into the industrial, alternative, metal, hard rock, and shock rock genres. The band's love of sequins, heavy make-up, and hair dye has put some of their songs and videos under the glam rock genre.

Because the band falls under the rock genre, the message of Marilyn Manson is often misinterpreted. Because he is also known as the Antichrist Superstar and is an atheist, he is often

thought of as a terrible monstrosity of a human being. Many Christians and other religious people believe him to be an uneducated boogiemani. This brings many people to believe his goal is to brainwash the younger generation with a message of hate, atheism, and violence. However, this is not correct. Marilyn Manson is a college graduate who has been scarred by Christianity. His band's audio does make fun of Christianity, but it also takes a stab at the violence of the world and calls out the media for being around only when bad things happen or for the length of time a person or band is popular. The message of the band is basically that the world is hateful and violent and that that is all people focus their attention on.

The members of BTS are very different from the members of Marilyn Manson. BTS, or the Bangtan Boys, consists of seven members: V, Jungkook, Jimin, Suga, Jin, RM, and J-Hope. The band was formed by Big Hit Entertainment in 2013. The company went through auditions for a possible boy band and found seven young men from South Korea. The leader of the group is RM. Suga is the group's lead rapper, with RM and J-Hope rapping alongside him. Jimin is the lead singer; and Jin, Jimin, V, and Jungkook sing with him. Since the boys are Korean idols, they must follow strict regimens, such as going to the dermatologist almost every week, wearing light make-up for perfect skin, and not being able to date.

Though the band's main genre is Korean pop, they also fall under the genres hip-hop, electronic dance music, and R&B. The loud, colorful outfits BTS wears, both in their music videos and in daily life, are a giveaway that the band's main genre is K-pop. Most of their K-pop comes with great dance routines that their fans, called A.R.M.Y., like to learn. This puts their energetic songs in the electronic dance genre. Since the band has three rap artists, many of their songs are acceptable as rap music. The band has also released many slow songs and love songs that fit easily under the R&B genre.

BTS's message to their A.R.M.Y. and to the world is "love yourself." The band promotes self-confidence and self-love. They utilize their music to relate to the struggles of teens and bring awareness to the struggles they go through in their daily lives. These include struggles with self-worth, self-doubt, and mental health in a high-pressure environment for teens. They achieve relating to teens in more ways than just through their music. They also talk openly about the struggles and anxieties of their career instead of presenting the extremely polished image that traditional idols show.

In conclusion, while Marilyn Manson rocks his shows with a three-man band, BTS dances across the stage with a whopping seven members. Marilyn Manson's loud rock sends out a message that shames the media. However, BTS's K-pop makes a point to relate to those with struggles similar to their own.