



February Interviews

Interviewee: Washah
Capacity: Club Member

Hello Washah, how are you doing today?

I am doing good today, I was just watching some dramas and enjoying my weekend! How about you?

I am good too.

So, we are here to interview you as a club member of Song Analysis Club.

Hi I am Washah, I have been in the server for about 1 and 1/2 years, and Song Analysis Club is one of the first clubs I joined.

Oh, wow!

So, I noticed that you are only in two clubs? Why did you choose this club, when there are so many others to choose from? Since it was your first club that you joined.

I have always enjoyed analyzing the lyrics of BTS's music, however I never got the chance to do it in such an environment. I also wanted to see how other people interpreted those lyrics, which helped me gain multiple perspectives and understand the music in a new light.

Yeah, that is important.

So, how long have you been in this club? I forgot to ask. Briefly. It can be an estimate.

I joined the club as soon as I entered the server so that would be around 1 and 1/2 years.



Wow, so that's so long! What keeps you coming back to Song Analysis Club meetings and remaining in the club each month?

There are many reasons, actually. The first would be that we analyze almost all of BTS's discography and that gives me an opportunity to understand their music better. I also love the fact that all our opinions are welcomed and we are always encouraged to share them. I also get to learn a lot from all the other thoughts and interpretations that my fellow members have.

It's important that you can give your opinions. That's so incredible. You said that opinions are always welcome, so how is the atmosphere or the ambience between being in the club and in the meetings? You explained a little bit, but if you could expand a little bit more, that would be great.

Honestly, the ambience of the club is very welcoming! I always look forward to attending the meetings, because I am so excited to hear everyone's thoughts. Also our club leaders are wonderful. They always take our thoughts into account and they share their thoughts as well. We secretly call our club "The crying over BTS club" because whenever we analyze a song, we find so many things that BTS has hidden in the meaning of their lyrics, and we all end up crying because of their love towards us.

Aww, that's so nice to hear! That the club is doing that for you.

So, I would like to ask you, what is your favorite thing about the club? You said a lot about their music, so it's the music, the leadership, or something else, what it is... one thing.

The one thing I would choose would be that I get to learn a lot. Being a person who enjoys always learning more, the club meetings always provide us an opportunity to widen our horizons by taking into account the different points of view our fellow members have. Honestly, at the end of the meeting, I always think that my fellow members are amazing and wonder how they have these kinds of amazing thoughts.



Aww, that's so nice! I'm sure when the members of the club read your interview, they're going to be like 'that's so true!'. You said that, like, you secretly call your club 'crying over BTS club', so, do you have any funny memories of that or in general in the club?

Oh, I have to think about this.

It is okay! I'm sure that in this year and a half, you have had a lot of fun memories.

I don't remember it very vividly, but once we were analyzing *The Truth Untold*, and one of the members shared their interpretation of a lyric and we all were traumatized, because the original lyrics were already sad but their interpretation made it even sadder. We couldn't look at that lyric the same way again. I remember us all laughing and crying over it.

Aww, *Truth Untold* is a very, very touching song. I would love to see your interpretation of the song, it would be amazing.

You should join our club~

[laughs] Maybe one day.

So, I see that you are in 2nd Grade now, so congrats on that. You've really come far since a year and a half ago.

Thank you!

It's been one year and a half in the server and one year and a half in the club. Has the Song Analysis Club managed to contribute to this journey? If so, how has it helped? Oh, and you're welcome, sorry.

Song Analysis Club has helped me tremendously with my journey because we look at the translation of each and every lyric. The club leaders also share with us a list of vocabulary at the end of the month. And during each



meeting, we also look at the grammar points in the lyrics. Due to this, my vocabulary has improved a lot and I have learned more grammar points. It's easier for me to remember since it's in relation to BTS' lyrics.

That's so good! It's very good to hear that the club is helping. Oh, grammar! So it helped you with grammar and vocabulary. That's really good.

Before, you said that you've learned a lot in the club, can you expand on that? It can be Korean-related or in general.

For me, it has been more towards the perspective of life since BTS's lyrics are always about what really takes place in their life. Since we all live different lives, the way each of the members experiences life is very different from the other. Because of that, I might look at some problems in my life through only one lens. But due to the interpretations of my members, I am able to look at them with a different lens and that helps me overcome those problems and see them in a new light. We also have several members who are studying or have studied psychology, so they also tell us about things they have learned in their lessons related to whatever we are analyzing.

Wow, that's amazing that BTS and their lyrics helped you see life differently and helped with the perspective on life! That's very good to hear.

So, you said that "The Truth Untold" was the most traumatizing song you have analyzed, if I understood what you meant - like, the saddest one. I'm sure that there are many other songs in the club, so which one was the most fun to analyze?

Oh, that's a difficult question because every song has been fun to analyze.

You can choose one. You can pick the one that was the most fun to do. It can be a recent one.

I think it would be "The Truth Untold" and "Outro: Tear."



And why is that? Why were “The Truth Untold” and “Outro: Tear” your favorites or the most fun?

Actually, I would say “The Truth Untold” and “Stop” (from *Jack In The Box*). After the meeting, I was able to relate to the meaning of The Truth Untold more since I was able to see how it could be related to all of us in general and how the theme of the song - which was about wearing a mask to hide our true selves - was very much applicable to how we act in our lives as well. As for “Stop”, the club leaders asked us questions related to the song such as “Do you agree with the statement that, “there are no bad people in the world?” We were able to have a fun and interesting debate on the topic.

Ah that’s true, “The Truth Untold” is a very good song, and “Stop” as well.

So, tough question. Which song would you recommend to the rest of the server to analyze that you have already analyzed with the club? Which song would you recommend?

Oh, that's a nice question. There are many songs I would recommend. It's hard choosing just one.

Choose your favorite one, or one that made you go “Wow, that is what the song meant!”

I would say “We are Bulletproof: the Eternal” since it’s a song that sums up the journey of BTS in a beautiful way and I think everyone would have a great time analyzing it since we all would be admiring BTS and their journey.

That’s a beautiful reason! That’s a beautiful reason, I love - I personally love “We are Bulletproof”. All of them, but Eternal, yeah, it’s really good. So, I hope everyone that reads this interview goes and analyzes the song as well!

How is the club leadership? You talked a little bit about it before but can you expand?



As I mentioned before, the club leaders are very welcoming. The reason why I keep mentioning this is that personally, I am always a bit apprehensive about sharing my thoughts, however, the club leaders always encourage us to share our thoughts even though they aren't very glad. They also respond to us very well and that encourages me to keep sharing my thoughts. Also, it goes without saying that they work super hard in collecting the materials. They always prepare content for us to watch when we analyze the song whether it be a live performance or an analysis someone has done on youtube. They also always ask us for recommendations as to which song we should analyze, which is also something I am grateful for.

I'm sure when the leadership reads your comment, their hearts are going to be full of love. So, let's move to assignments. Do you like the assignments they give you, like every month?

Yes, the assignments also include us having to do some sort of interpretation of the songs we analyzed. We also do puzzles sometimes which helps us learn more vocabulary.

Do you find it time consuming or just perfect in time, the amount of time for the assignments for the club? Or perfect for the club?

I find them perfect. They do not consume a lot of time when I do them.

Oh, that's good to hear.

So, you said that the interpretations and puzzles are also part of your assignment sometimes. Which was your favorite assignment to do?

I think my favorite ones are the ones we do on Padlet. It's a website that acts as a board (not sure if I am explaining this correctly) and all the members select one lyric that we want to analyze and then we share our analysis on the website as well as see other people's analyses.



Oh, I didn't know that they did assignments on Padlet. It sounds very cool and like a very interesting and fun assignment. Would you like to see Song Analysis Club analyze any other song apart from BTS songs?

Honestly, I would prefer for it to be BTS-centric, However I don't mind analyzing songs from other artists from time to time. I am always open to listening to other great songs. It would be a win-win situation.

Which song would you like, for example?

I listen to a lot of TXT songs as well as IU. I wouldn't mind analyzing any songs from either of the two artists.

They're amazing, I like both. Maybe the club leader, once they're reading this, will be like "Ooh, maybe." [laughs] So, do you have any ideas on how or where the club can improve?

The club is doing very well at the moment. I would suggest maybe having more activities during the meeting, such as a game night or such. I would also think of having different forms of assignments, I can't think of a format at the moment, but maybe we could have a discussion regarding it in the club (Of course if the club leaders have time to do it).

So, what was your expectation going into this club?

I actually didn't have any sort of prominent expectations other than having fun and sharing my analysis of the BTS songs which were all fulfilled when I attended the meetings.

Oh, that's so good that all your expectations were fulfilled, that's so nice.

So, final question. Final question. Would you recommend members to join the club? If so, why?



Yes, definitely! I think when everyone reads my interview they will have the urge to join the club. We are a fun club where you can learn a lot and we would love to have you all and hear your thoughts. (Don't forget to bring tissues because we end up crying a lot).

Aww, that's so good to hear!

So, with that, we finish our interview. Washah, thank you so much for the interview and I hope you have an amazing day.

Thank you! I had an amazing time and you both were wonderful. Thank you for being patient while waiting for my answers.

I hope we didn't take too much of your time. Thank you so much for the interview!

