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As a grown-up New Yorker, I didn't think studying abroad in London would be hard. Initially when I landed in London, I was filled with excitement and nervousness but soon it was being homesick. This playlist highlights my overall experience in London from the feeling of excitement in being in a new place, having fun with meeting other people and nightlife, to the feeling of being lost and feeling overwhelmed. Specially, I wanted to highlight three songs - Shape of You by Ed Sheeran, Lost in Japan by Shawn Mendes, and Viva La Vida by Coldplay. During the first week abroad, I felt very lost both geographically and emotionally. I wasn't in a place that I've been before, so everything was new, and my family/friends weren't with me either. I was in an unknown place, exploring the school building, the city, and everything about it and my emotions relate well to the Lost in Japan song. After a couple of weeks with the events that Syracuse London had programmed for us and getting to know my peers, I felt more comfortable at the space. The song Shape of You relates well to this as it highlights the perfect social scene and the nightlife in London. I was exploring, getting lost in the city, and learn about the culture there. The song Viva La Vida highlights the months into my experience abroad as it showed me personal growth to my time in a new city. It represents my new beginning, facing challenges, and navigating everything abroad. I learned a lot about myself, the culture, and the Syracuse community.

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