

US History 2
Makeup/XCR Assignment
Vietnam War Era Songs

Look at the attached lyrics, of songs from the Vietnam War era.

(A) Pick any TWO (2) of the songs, and write a short paragraph explaining how these two songs are similar – it could be any similarity you see, such as in message, in theme or style, etc. You should provide specific details from the songs that show those similarities, and explain how they are similar.

(B) Then pick TWO (2) other songs, and do the same thing, writing a second paragraph that explains the similarities.

(C) Third, pick one of the remaining TWO (2) songs, and think of another song you know that relates to it, writing a third paragraph that explains the similarities.

(D) Finally, using the remaining song, think of another song you know that relates to it, writing a fourth paragraph that explains the similarities

Fortunate Son (Creedance Clearwater Revival)

Some folks are born made to wave the flag
Hoo, they're red, white and blue
And when the band plays "Hail to the chief"
Ooh, they point the cannon at you, Lord

It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no senator's son, son
It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no fortunate one, no

Some folks are born silver spoon in hand
Lord, don't they help themselves, Lord?
But when the taxman come to the door
Lord, the house lookin' like a rummage sale, yeah

It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no millionaire's son, no, no
It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no fortunate one, no

Yeah-yeah, some folks inherit star-spangled eyes
Hoo, they send you down to war, Lord
And when you ask 'em, "How much should we give?"
Hoo, they only answer, "More, more, more, more"

Where Have All the Flowers Gone (The Kingston Trio)

Where have all the flowers gone, Long time passing
Where have all the flowers gone, Long time ago
Where have all the flowers gone
Young girls picked them, every one
When will they ever learn? When will they ever learn?

Where have all the young girls gone, Long time passing
Where have all the young girls gone, Long time ago
Where have all the young girls gone
Gone to young men, every one
When will they ever learn? When will they ever learn?

Where have all the young men gone, Long time passing
Where have all the young men gone, Long time ago
Where have all the young men gone
Gone to soldiers, every one
When will they ever learn? When will they ever learn?

Where have all the soldiers gone, Long time passing
Where have all the soldiers gone, Long time ago
Where have all the soldiers gone
Gone to graveyards, every one
When will they ever learn? When will they ever learn?

Where have all the graveyards gone, Long time passing
Where have all the graveyards gone, Long time ago
Where have all the graveyards gone
Gone to flowers, every one
When will they ever learn? When will they ever learn?

2+2=? (Bob Seger System)

Yes, it's true I am a young man, But I'm old enough to kill
I don't wanna kill nobody, But I must if you so will
And if I raise my hand in question, You just say that I'm a fool
'Cause I got the gall to ask you, Can you maybe change the rule?
And you stand and call me upstart, Ask what answer can I find
I ain't sayin' I'm a genius

Two plus two is on my mind
Two plus two is on my mind

Well, I knew a guy in high school, Just an average friendly guy
And he had himself a girlfriend, And you made them say goodbye
Now he's buried in the mud, Of a foreign jungle land
And his girl just sits and cries, She just doesn't understand
So you say he died for freedom, Well, if he died to save your lies
Go ahead and call me yellow

What's Goin' On (Marvin Gaye)

Mother, mother, There's too many of you crying
Brother, brother, brother
There's far too many of you dying
You know we've got to find a way
To bring some lovin' here today - yeah

Father, father, We don't need to escalate
You see, war is not the answer
For only love can conquer hate
You know we've got to find a way
To bring some lovin' here today, oh (Oh)

Picket lines and picket signs
Don't punish me with brutality
Talk to me, so you can see
Oh, what's going on (What's going on)
What's going on (What's going on)
Yeah, what's going on (What's going on)
Oh, what's going on

Imagine (John Lennon)

Imagine there's no heaven, It's easy if you try
No hell below us, Above us, only sky
Imagine all the people, Livin' for today

Imagine there's no countries, It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for, And no religion, too

Imagine all the people, Livin' life in peace

You may say I'm a dreamer, But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us, And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions, I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger, A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people, Sharing all the world

You may say I'm a dreamer, But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us, And the world will live as one

What a Wonderful World (Louis Armstrong)

I see trees of green, Red roses too
I see them bloom , For me and you
And I think to myself, What a wonderful world

I see skies of blue, And clouds of white
The bright blessed day, The dark sacred night
And I think to myself , What a wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow, So pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces, Of people going by
I see friends shaking hands, Saying, "How do you do?"
They're really saying, I love you

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow
They'll learn much more, Than I'll ever know
And I think to myself, What a wonderful world
Yes, I think to myself, What a wonderful world