**Part One**

One of the most powerful forms of protest is music. Today, you will listen to some songs from the Vietnam era to try to experience the protest movement in America. Listen to each song and answer the questions that follow.

1. “Ballad of the Green Beret” Sgt. Barry Sadler (1966)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PX4Flhw0HSA>

Fighting soldiers from the sky

Fearless men who jump and die

Men who mean just what they say

The brave men of the Green Beret

Silver wings upon their chest

These are men, America's best

One hundred men will test today

But only three win the Green Beret

Trained to live off nature's land

Trained in combat, hand-to-hand

Men who fight by night and day

Courage peak from the Green Berets

Silver wings upon their chest

These are men, America's best

One hundred men will test today

But only three win the Green Beret

Back at home a young wife waits

Her Green Beret has met his fate

He has died for those oppressed

Leaving her his last request

Put silver wings on my son's chest

Make him one of America's best

He'll be a man they'll test one day

Have him win the Green Beret.

**Questions:**

**What is the mood of this song? How does it make you feel?**

**What do you think this song is about?**

**What about the music and lyrics were particularly powerful? Why?**

**What did you think about the video that went along with the song?**

1. "For What It's Worth" Buffalo Springfield (1966)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVgoOVl6cb4>

There's something happening here

But what it is ain't exactly clear

There's a man with a gun over there

Telling me I got to beware

I think it's time we stop

Children, what's that sound?

Everybody look - what's going down?

There's battle lines being drawn

Nobody's right if everybody's wrong

Young people speaking' their minds

Getting so much resistance from behind

It's time we stop

Hey, what's that sound?

Everybody look - what's going down?

What a field day for the heat

A thousand people in the street

Singing songs and carrying signs

Mostly saying, "hooray for our side"

It's time we stop

Hey, what's that sound?

Everybody look - what's going down?

Paranoia strikes deep

Into your life it will creep

It starts when you're always afraid

Step out of line, the men come and take you away

We better stop

Hey, what's that sound?

Everybody look - what's going down?

We better stop

Hey, what's that sound?

Everybody look - what's going down?

We better stop

Now, what's that sound?

Everybody look - what's going down?

We better stop

Children, what's that sound?

Everybody look - what's going down?

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1. "Ohio" Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young (1970)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68g76j9VBvM>

Tin soldiers and Nixon coming,

We're finally on our own.

This summer I hear the drumming,

Four dead in Ohio.

Gotta get down to it

Soldiers are cutting us down

Should have been done long ago.

What if you knew her

And found her dead on the ground

How can you run when you know?

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1. “What’s Going On” Marvin Gaye (1971)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6_fzckCE-U>

“What's Going On"

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 - Ya

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

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

Ya, what's going on

Ah, what's going on

In the mean time

Right on, baby

Right on

Right on

Father, father, everybody thinks we're wrong

Oh, but who are they to judge us

Simply because our hair is long

Oh, you know we've got to find a way

To bring some understanding here today

Oh

Picket lines and picket signs

Don't punish me with brutality

Talk to me

So you can see

What's going on

Ya, what's going on

Tell me what's going on

I'll tell you what's going on - Uh

Right on baby

Right on baby

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**Part Two:**

1. Pick one of the songs below and listen to it.

Songs:

1. “One Tin Soldier” Coven <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-wuly-XRXQ>
2. “Fortunate Son” Creedence Clearwater Revival <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ScisGFllPY>
3. “War” Edwin Star <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_d8C4AIFgUg&playnext=1&list=PLA4E7E80204F2C1A7&feature=results_main>
4. “Eve of Destruction” Barry McGuire <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RkUsCG-feRk>
5. “Watchtower” Jimi Hendrix <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ECBaRyvbqHQ>
6. “Billy, Don’t Be a Hero” Bo Donaldson and the Heywoods <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ltbfJRVKbQ>
7. “Blowin’ in the Wind” Bob Dylan <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWwgrjjIMXA>
8. “Fightin’ Side of Me” Merle Haggard <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHAFmFsb9XM>
9. “Peace Train” Cat Stevens <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZ5iHgcPnHA>
10. “Still in Saigon” Charlie Daniels <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtOaDmpdgag>
11. Write a paragraph that introduces the song, tells the main (controlling) idea of the song, and three specific examples from the song that support the controlling idea (Hook, Blue, Red, Green, Green, Green).

Example:

One of the best known songs from the Civil War Era is “Dixie” written by Daniel Decatur Emmett. In this song, Emmett depicted an idealized South in which everything was perfect. One idea the author presented was the idea that the South was the best place to live, and Southerners would fight to the death to preserve its way of life. An example we see of this is in the first stanza when Emmett states that he wishes he were back in Dixie where he has fond memories of his youth. Likewise, in the second stanza, the author declares that he will stand up for his home even if he has to die to do it. Finally, in a later stanza, Emmett says, “But if you want to drive 'way sorrow, come and hear this song tomorrow,” meaning that even the mention of Dixie can lift your sadness and make you happy again.