

MUSIC AS A FORCE FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

Song Analysis In Class Assignment

Name _____

"Best assignment ever." – anonymous PSL student

Directions: Select a song about civil rights, women's rights, disability rights, or LGBTQ rights & answer questions below.

Song title: _____

Musical artist: _____

Release date: _____

What issue does song address (circle one): civil rights women's rights disability rights LGBTQ rights

Read the lyrics and listen to and/or watch the music video. Then conduct research to answer the following questions. It is likely that you will need to write on the back side in order to completely answer each question and get full credit.

1. Describe the message, viewpoint, or lesson the songwriter tried to convey. **Share lyrics from the song in your explanation.** www.wikipedia.org, www.songfacts.com, www.lyricinterpretations.com, and ChatGPT may be helpful.

2. Conduct research to determine what other viewpoints about this issue were commonly held by Americans at the time. **Provide at least two direct quotes** from specific people or groups that best represent opposing views.

3. **Provide contemporary examples** of how this group still experiences oppression today. **Provide at least two specific examples of discrimination, government actions, AND state/federal laws** that are harmful to this group.

4. **What measurable impact did the song have on the social issue it set out to address?** **Be sure to provide numbers showing the influence of the song** (i.e. sales, sold out shows, YouTube views, etc.) **AND discuss laws proposed and/or passed after the song's release date** that demonstrate the progress that has been made by this movement.