**Part A**

Select any 2 of the following 4 ‘protest’ song lyrics. Read the lyrics (listen to a version?) then answer the questions that follow. Write your answers on the document.

**‘Ohio” - Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young**

**Tin soldiers and Nixon's coming, Gotta get down to it**

**We're finally on our own. Soldiers are gunning us down**

**This summer I hear the drumming, Should have been done long ago.**

**Four dead in Ohio. What if you knew her**

**Gotta get down to it And found her dead on the ground**

**Soldiers are gunning us down How can you run when you know?**

**Should have been done long ago. Tin soldiers and Nixon's coming,**

**What if you knew her We're finally on our own.**

**And found her dead on the ground This summer I hear the drumming,**

**How can you run when you know? Four dead in Ohio.**

**La la la la la la la la Four dead in Ohio.**

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**La la la la la la la la**

**La la la la la la la.**

1) a-Summarize what the song is about

b-what is its theme or message?

2) In what year was the song written?

3) What is the background of the writer/singer?

4) What was happening in the world at that time that might have inspired the writer of the song?

**“Sunday Bloody Sunday” - U2**

**I can't believe the news today Sunday, Bloody Sunday**

**Oh, I can't close my eyes Sunday, Bloody Sunday**

**And make it go away How long...**

**How long… How long must we sing this song**

**How long must we sing this song How long, how long...**

**How long, how long… 'cause tonight...we can be as one**

**'cause tonight...we can be as one Tonight...tonight...**

**Tonight… Sunday, Bloody Sunday**

**Broken bottles under children's feet Sunday, Bloody Sunday**

**Bodies strewn across the dead end street Wipe the tears from your eyes**

**But I won't heed the battle call Wipe your tears away**

**It puts my back up Oh, wipe your tears away**

**Puts my back up against the wall Oh, wipe your tears away**

**Sunday, Bloody Sunday Oh, wipe your blood shot eyes**

**Sunday, Bloody Sunday Sunday, Bloody Sunday**

**Sunday, Bloody Sunday Sunday, Bloody Sunday**

**And the battle's just begun And it's true we are immune**

**There's many lost, but tell me who has won When fact is fiction and TV reality**

**The trench is dug within our hearts And today the millions cry**

**And mothers, children, brothers, sisters We eat and drink while tomorrow they die**

**Torn apart The real battle just begun**

**To claim the victory Jesus won**

**On...Sunday Bloody Sunday**

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**"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

Living 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

Living 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

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**‘Feed the World’ - Band Aid**

**It's Christmas time, there's no need to be afraid**

**At christmas time, we let in light and we banish shade**

**But in our world of plenty, we should spread a smile of joy!**

**Throw your arms around the world at christmas time**

**But say a prayer - pray for the other ones**

**At christmas time, it's hard but when your having fun**

**There's a world outside your window**

**And it's a world of dread and fear**

**Where the only water flowing is a bitter sting of tears**

**And the christmas bells that ring there are the clanging chimes of doom**

**Well tonight thank God it's them instead of you**

**And there wont be snow in africa this christmas time**

**The greatest gift they'll get this year is life**

**Where nothing ever grows**

**No rain or rivers flow**

**Do they know it's christmas time at all?**

**Here's to you raise a glass for everyone**

**Here's to them underneath the burning sun**

**Do they know it's christmas time at all?**

**Feed the world**

**Feed the world**

**Feed the world**

**Let them know it's christmas time and**

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**Feed the world**

**Let them know it's christmas time**

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**Part B**

Select a song of your own choosing, one that was written since the year 2000. Paste in a copy of the lyrics (provide a link to a video/audio version?) and answer the same questions for your song.

1) a-Summarize what the song is about

 b-what is its theme or message?

2) In what year was the song written?

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Then, select one of the following assignments (or create one of your own AFTER discussion with your teacher):

a) Write a ‘protest’ poem/song of your own about an issue in our society that is important to you

b) Create a 5x10 presentation (using the information from the above questions) that would explain in words and visuals what your song is all about to an older person who isn’t familiar with the song.

c) Write a series of opinion paragraphs arguing that protest songs can help to change society