

USH Challenge 5

Vietnam Era Song Analysis Project

This project is designed to engage you in terms of music and how it applies to our culture during a turbulent time in American history. You will create a PowerPoint presentation based on a song from the Vietnam Era and you will be graded on the following criteria:

1. **Choose 3 things from the song that you feel are important (15 %):** Take the three things you have chosen and expand on them. Explain their importance to the time period. Provide examples in your slideshow through the use of pictures. Why do you think those were important parts of the song?
2. **What audience do you think the song was made for? (15 %)** Decide upon a group that you feel this song is meant for. What evidence, if any, helps you know which audience? Again, use examples from the song if possible, and use pictures.
3. **Identify the tone or mood of the music (15 %):** Is it defiant? Angry? Sad? Hopeful? Tell us what you think. However, be sure to use examples from the song to make your point.
4. **Choose 2 things the music tells you about the following topics: American History, Society, or Culture. (15 %)** Apply what you have chosen to these topics and provide some reasons why you have done so. Again, use pictures and examples from the song to assist you.
5. **Conclusion (15 %):** Explain, through your presentation, what you think the artist is trying to say to his/her audience.
6. **Presentation: (25 %)** Through the use of PowerPoint, you will create a slideshow explaining the song's content. Your analysis, along with the use of pictures and knowledge of the time period, will be required in your presentation. There is no minimum slide requirement, but you must satisfy all of the requirements. Be creative! Be accurate with grammar! And aim to impress your audience with your abilities!

Song List:

1. *Masters of War* – Bob Dylan
2. *Fortunate Son* – CCR
3. *Where Have All the Flowers Gone* – Peter, Paul, & Mary
4. *Blowin In the Wind* – Bob Dylan
5. *Ohio* – Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young
6. *Fightin Side of Me* – Merle Haggard
7. *The Unknown Soldier* – The Doors
8. *For What its Worth* – Buffalo Springfield
9. *Ballad of the Green Berets* – Sgt. Barry Sadler
10. *Draft Dodger Rag* – Phil Ochs
11. *Okie from Muskogee* – Merle Haggard
12. *Eve of Destruction* – Barry McGuire
13. *Still in Saigon* – Charlie Daniels Band
14. *War Pigs* – Black Sabbath
15. *The Times They are Changin* – Bob Dylan
16. *Leaving on a Jet Plane*
17. *Sky Pilot* – Animals
18. *Run Through the Jungle* – CCR
19. *War* – Edwin Starr
20. *Goodnight Saigon* – Billy Joel
21. *Turn, Turn, Turn* – Pete Seger
22. *7 O’Clock News / Silent Night* – Simon & Garfunkel

****If you have another song you would like to present... get permission from me first!**

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