

AP/DC U.S. Government
Extra Credit: Politics and Music

Extra Credit Assignment: Choose ONE song that has a political message or that provides commentary on current events or has historical relevance. The song could be one that you like personally or just a song that you are familiar with as a political song. The song could be from the 1950s or it could be from last month.

Due: Monday, March 4th

1. Provide the artist name, song title, and year of release.
2. Provide the song's lyrics and italicize and/or bold font the lyrics that are political and/or important to you.
3. Write one paragraph (6-8 sentences) summarizing and explaining how the song is commenting on politics/history/current events.
4. Write one paragraph (6-8 sentences) explaining why you chose the song and/or why it is significant to you.

EXAMPLE:

1. Bright Eyes, "When the President Talks to God" (2005)
2. Provide song lyrics...
3. This song is an anti-war song about the George W. Bush presidency...the songwriter says...
4. I chose this song because it was released my senior year of high school and was important to me in college during Bush's second term....

HELP: You can choose any song that you are familiar with. If you don't know of any songs that are political you can search "political songs" on the internet. Some artists to check out include: Woody Guthrie, Billie Holiday, Bob Dylan, Rage Against the Machine, Bob Marley, U2, Tupac, Bruce Springsteen, or Johnny Cash. There are a lot of songs about social issues, politics, history, etc.