

Directions:

Choose a song that fits in with the topics we have been studying in class this semester. The song you choose will be some sort of a “story-telling song” -in other words, a song that falls into the category of **oral tradition**. Your song can be from any culture or era. Remember that oral tradition preserves a history, it often tells a story from a generation past, and it is a simple song that one can easily recall. Often times these songs center around a “hero” or a major figure in history or a political or historical event.

- You will be writing a 500-word essay on your interpretation of the piece you choose
- How do you interpret the song?
- What does it mean to you?
- How/why does the composer/singer write or sing this song in the first place?
- Who is the intended audience of the work?
- Do the lyrics contain hidden or public transcripts?
- Deconstruct some of the lyrics in a brief analysis
- Include the title, date of release, performer, and include a YouTube link of the work
- If the song is written in a foreign language be sure to include a copy of the translated lyrics

The analysis should be all from your own opinion and process - just tell me what you think and avoid over-citing other people's thoughts - you may use a citation here and there, but that should not be the bulk of your paper. As always use good MLA formatting and submit on time.