

Modern Day Protest Music

= **Step 1:** Choose ONE of the songs below OR choose another song that is a good modern example of a protest song. If you choose your own song, run it by me FIRST.

= **Step 2:** Google the lyrics & listen to the song.

Step 3: Do some research about the meaning of the song and the time period when it was written.

- = FIRST start with reading up on the meaning of the song itself (good introductory information and the lyrics of many songs can be found at www.songfacts.com)
- = THEN search for background info on the singer. (VH1 and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame have biographical information on most performers on their sites. Otherwise, check out *Rolling Stone* magazine or Pop Culture Universe.)

Step 4: Create a Google slideshow presentation & share it with Ms. Shen.

Your slideshow should include the following information:

- = **Slide 1: cover page** (title of song, name of artist and 1 picture)
- = **Slide 2: details on the singer**
 - Select 5 key or significant events in the artist's life that explain why they became a "protest" artist. (Include at least 1 picture)
- = **Slide 3: details on the time when the song was made**
 - What was going on (politically, socially, economically or culturally) that inspired the artist to write this song? (Include 2-3 pictures)
- = **Slide 4: song title and music video**
- = **Slide 5: lyrics**
 - Include key verses (choose ones that you think are good examples of the song's protest message) (Include at least 1 picture)
- = **Slide 6: analysis of the song** – combine this with visuals in order to tell the song's story visually
 - What do you think the song means? What is the artist trying to say with the lyrics/video? (Include at least 1 picture)
- = **Slide 7: bibliography** – cite text sources only

Slideshows are due at the end of class on Monday, February 3rd.

Songs

Michael Jackson, "Earth Song"
Public Enemy, "Fight the Power"
Rage Against the Machine, "Killing in the
Name," "Know Your Enemy"
Dixie Chicks, "Not Ready to Make Nice"
NWA, "F*ck the Police"
Lauren Hill, "Black Rage"
Bruce Springsteen, "Born in the USA",
"American Skin", "The Rising", "We Take
Care of Our Own"
Sage Francis, "Makeshift Patriot"
Tim McGraw, "Southern Voices"
Green Day, "Wake Me Up When September
Ends", "21 Guns"
Lupe Fiasco, "Around My Way"
Tupac, "Changes"
Naz & Lauren Hill, "If I Ruled the World"
U2, "Sunday, Bloody Sunday"
Linkin Park, "Hands Held High"
Neil Young, "Let's Impeach the President"
Kendrick Lamar, "The Blacker the Berry", "T"
21 Savages, "Nothin' New"
Hozier, "Take Me to Church"
D'Angelo, "The Charade"
Lily Allen, "Hard Out Here", "F*ck You"
Bob Marley, "Get Up, Stand Up"
J. Cole, "Be Free"
Andra Day, "Rise Up"
Pharrell Williams, "Runnin"
K'naan, "Immigrants (We Get the Job Done)"
Pink, "Dear Mr. President"
Dead Prez, "Stars and Stripes of Corruption"
John Legend, "Glory"
Lily Allen, "Hard Out Here"
Eminem, "Untouchable," "Like Home"
Joey Bada\$\$, "For My People"
Logic, "1-800-273-8255"
Against Me!, "Transgender Dysphoria Blues"
Sleater-Kinney, "Entertain"