20th Century American Literature F16

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**“The Poetry and Music of Bob Dylan”**

Song Analysis Worksheet

Directions: Choose a political protest song by Bob Dylan and read the lyrics. If possible, listen to an online recording on YouTube. Answer the questions below. You will need access to the Internet to do so.

1. What do you think the song is about?

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2. What emotional response does the song evoke? (In other words: how does it make you feel?)

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3. Write a paragraph or a few sentences that describe the message, viewpoint or lesson the songwriter was trying to convey. Share examples from the song in your explanation.

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4. Conduct research to learn the actual message of the song. There are several online sites you could use such as www.wikipedia.org, www.songfacts.com, and www.lyricinterpretations.com. Summarize what you learn below.

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5. Do you believe the message of the song is relevant today? In what way, if any, does this song speak to the political protests going on in South Korea today? If not, why not?

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6. What words, lines or phrases in the song do you personally relate to?

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This activity and worksheet adapted from materials at [www.teachingtolerance.org](http://www.teachingtolerance.org), a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center.