Protest Song Assignment

\* Find a song you wish to analyze. Copy or print out the lyrics and do a full annotation of the song like we did with “Strange Fruit”

\* Once your annotations are complete, answer the following questions on a separate sheet. Use full sentences and provide detailed answers \*with examples.

1. Who is the artist and what is the name of the song?

2. When was this song written and recorded?

3. Why can this song be classified as a 'protest song'? What is it protesting?

4. What is the message of the song? What is the artist trying to say?

5. What is the tone/mood of the song? (is it hopeful/optimistic or cynical/pessimistic)

6. Why did you choose this song and why did it attract your attention?

7. If the song has a video, how does it help to get the protest message across?

\*I mean it, don’t forget

Once you have chosen your song, post a comment about it on the class website (click the menu button in the top left corner). The full instructions for this part of the assignment are on the web page.