English 12 - *Things They Carried*

**Vietnam War Protest Music**

# Part A: Whole Class

Directions: Listen to Jimi Hendrix “Star Spangled Banner” vs. Whitney Houston’s “Star Spangled Banner”

1. Which version did you prefer? Why?
2. How each version of the national anthem make you feel?
3. What feelings do you think the musician was trying to express?

# Part B: Pairs or Individual

Directions: Each pair/individual will choose 3 songs from the provided list. Read through the lyrics provided. Answer the following questions PER song. (Yes, that’s each song needs to have #1-7 answered about it).

NOTE: You might want to search for the song online and listen to it, but you MUST have headphones!

1. Name the song (Artist & Title) you chose.
2. What is the tone of your song? (Use the “Name that Tone” handout).
3. Is the tone consistent throughout its entirety? Or, are there shifts in the tone? Explain your interpretation.
4. Who is the intended audience?
5. What is the message/symbolism of the song?
6. What inferences can you make about the Vietnam War based on this song?
7. Does the song have a universal message that we can appreciate today & in the future? Explain.

# Part C: Your Protest Choice

Directions: After listening to your 3 song choices from the Vietnam War Era, and answering Part B questions for each…

1. Identify which of the 3 was your favorite and explain why.
2. Pick a song from the last 10-15 years that could be categorized as a “protest song.” (Doesn’t necessarily need to be protesting war… it could be protesting anything…)
   1. Identify the title and artist of the song.
   2. Explain what the song is possibly protesting.
   3. Explain if you like the song. Why/Why not?

# **IMPORTANT:**

# **\*Please organize your responses in the appropriate sections listed above.**

# **\*You may type your responses, or not. Your choice, but I need a hardcopy turned in, please.**

# **\*If you are working in pairs, you only need to turn in one response for the two of you.**