"Eve of Destruction" Barry McGuire (1965)

"Ballad of The Green Berets" Staff Sergeant Barry Sadler (1966)

The eastern world it is exploding
Violence flarin', bullets loadin'
You're old enough to kill but not for votin'
You don't believe in war but what's that gun you're totin'?
And even the Jordan River has bodies floatin'

But you tell me
Over and over and over again my friend
Ah, you don't believe
We're on the eve of destruction

Don't you understand what I'm tryin' to say
Can't you feel the fears I'm feelin' today?
If the button is pushed, there's no runnin' away
There'll be no one to save with the world in a grave
Take a look around you boy, it's bound to scare you boy

And you tell me
Over and over again my friend
Ah, you don't believe
We're on the eye of destruction

Yeah my blood's so mad feels like coagulating I'm sitting here just contemplatin'
I can't twist the truth it knows no regulation
Handful of senators don't pass legislation
And marches alone can't bring integration
When human respect is disintegratin'
This whole crazy world is just too frustratin'

And you tell me
Over and over again my friend
Ah, you don't believe
We're on the eve of destruction

Think of all the hate there is in Red China
Then take a look around to Selma, Alabama
You may leave here for four days in space
But when you return it's the same old place
The pounding of the drums, the pride and disgrace
You can bury your dead but don't leave a trace
Hate your next door neighbor but don't forget to say grace

And tell me
Over and over and over again my friend
You don't believe
We're on the eve of destruction
Mmm, no, no, you don't believe
We're on the eve of destruction

Fighting soldiers from the sky
Fearless men who jump and die
Men who mean, just what they say
The brave men of the Green Beret

Silver wings upon their chest These are men, America's best One hundred men we'll test today But only three win the Green Beret

Trained to live, off nature's land Trained in combat, hand to hand Men who fight by night and day Courage deep, from the Green Berets

Silver wings upon their chest These are men, America's best One hundred men we'll test today But only three win the Green Beret

Back at home a young wife waits Her Green Beret has met his fate He has died for those oppressed Leaving her this last request

Put silver wings on my son's chest Make him one of America's best He'll be a man they'll test one day Have him win the Green Beret

"Fortunate Son" Creedence Clearwater Revival (1969)

Some folks are born made to wave the flag
Ooh, they're red, white and blue
And when the band plays "Hail to the chief"
Ooh, they point the cannon at you, Lord
It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no senator's son, son
It ain't me, it ain't me; I ain't no fortunate one, no

Yeah!

Some folks are born silver spoon in hand Lord, don't they help themselves, oh But when the taxman comes to the door Lord, the house looks like a rummage sale, yes

It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no millionaire's son, no It ain't me, it ain't me; I ain't no fortunate one, no

Some folks inherit star spangled eyes
Ooh, they send you down to war, Lord
And when you ask them, "How much should we give?"
Ooh, they only answer more! more! more! yoh

It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no military son, son It ain't me, it ain't me; I ain't no fortunate one, one

It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no fortunate one, no no no It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no fortunate son, no no no

"Born in the U.S.A." Bruce Springsteen (1984)

Born down in a dead man's town
The first kick I took was when I hit the ground
You end up like a dog that's been beat too much
Till you spend half your life just covering up

Born in the U.S.A. I was born in the U.S.A. I was born in the U.S.A. Born in the U.S.A.

Got in a little hometown jam so they put a rifle in my hand Sent me off to a foreign land to go and kill the yellow man

Born in the U.S.A. I was born in the U.S.A. I was born in the U.S.A. I was born in the U.S.A. Born in the U.S.A.

Come back home to the refinery
Hiring man says "son if it was up to me"
Went down to see my V.A. man
He said "son, don't you understand now"

Had a brother at Khe Sahn fighting off the Viet Cong They're still there, he's all gone

He had a woman he loved in Saigon I got a picture of him in her arms now

Down in the shadow of penitentiary Out by the gas fires of the refinery I'm ten years burning down the road Nowhere to run ain't got nowhere to go

Born in the U.S.A.
I was born in the U.S.A.
Born in the U.S.A.
I'm a long gone daddy in the U.S.A.

Born in the U.S.A.
Born in the U.S.A.
Born in the U.S.A.
I'm a cool rocking daddy in the U.S.A.

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Vietnam Song Analysis

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/5	 <u>"Eve of Destruction" by Barry McGuire (1965)</u> - https://youtu.be/Tjk0kcArclw 1. What does Barry McGuire mean when he says: a. "You're old enough to kill, but not for votin"
	b. "If the button is pushed there's no runnin away"
	2. Identify one event that we have studied that is mentioned in the song.
	3. What is the overall message of this song?
/5	"Ballad of The Green Berets" by Staff Sergeant Barry Sadler (1966) - https://youtu.be/JNfscIsSIfQ 1. How does this song make you feel?
	2. How does the song portray soldiers?

3. Does this song support or condemn American Involvement of the Vietnam War? How do you know (give two specific examples from the song)?

/5 "Fortunate Son" by Creedence Clearwater Revival (1969) - https://youtu.be/rbNnvPBokNs 1. What is meant by the phrase, "some folks are born silver spoon in hand"? 2. What does a "fortunate son" look like today? 3. Who do you imagine might write a song like this today? 4. Do you find it right for the children of politicians to receive exemption in a military draft? Why or why not? /5 "Born in the U.S.A." by Bruce Springsteen (1984) - https://youtu.be/OuJUq58VQXQ 1. What is your initial reaction to this song? 2. How do the first lines introduce the song? 3. What is the function of repetition of the chorus? Do these words seem to "go with" the rest of the lyrics, or contrast with them? 4. Why would the time difference between the end of the Vietnam War and the release of "Born in the U.S.A." be significant?

TOTAL: /20