

AMERICA AT WAR & MUSIC 2: VIETNAM TO IRAQ

Course Description

This course explores America's most recent military conflicts including The Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, and the more recent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Students will conduct a comprehensive review of the significant figures, encounters, social events, and political scenes that gave birth to these armed conflicts over the past quarter century. In addition, students will apply their knowledge of these highly discussed and often controversial events to analyze numerous songs which reflect upon, and sometimes criticize America's involvement in these conflicts. These songs will provide a fantastic insight into the revolutionary culture that sprang up in America during their parents' generation as conformity gave way to an America that was more willing to challenge the status quo.

Prerequisite

None

Credit Requirement Area

Social Studies

Learning Objectives

- Students will demonstrate the ability to identify key vocabulary within the context of the song.
- Students will analyze and interpret songs within the context of the era in which they were written.
- Students will identify the significant figures, encounters, social events, and political scenes of the era.

Suggested Weekly Schedule

Week	Graded Activities	Suggested Due Date	% Points
1	Assignment 1: Vietnam War - An Escalating Conflict Quiz	Monday of Week 1	25%
	Assignment 2: Song Analysis 1 - The Unknown Soldier	Tuesday of Week 1	25%
	Assignment 3: Song Analysis 2 - The Ballad of the Green Berets	Wednesday of Week 1	25%
	Assignment 4: Song Analysis 3 - Yellow River	Thursday of Week 1	25%
Week 1 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
2	Assignment 1: Vietnam War (1961-1965) Quiz	Monday of Week 2	25%
	Assignment 2: Song Analysis 1 - Still in Saigon	Tuesday of Week 2	25%
	Assignment 3: Song Analysis 2 - Goodnight Saigon	Wednesday of Week 2	25%
	Assignment 4: Song Analysis 3 - Walking on a Thin Line	Thursday of Week 2	25%
Week 2 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
3	Assignment 1: Vietnam War (1966-1970)	Monday of Week 3	25%

Week	Graded Activities	Suggested Due Date	% Points
	Assignment 2: Song Analysis 1 - I Feel Like I'm Fixin' to Die Rag	Tuesday of Week 3	25%
	Assignment 3: Song Analysis 2 - To Susan on the West Coast Waiting	Wednesday of Week 3	25%
	Assignment 4: Song Analysis 3 - Ruby Don't Take Your Love to Town	Thursday of Week 3	25%
Week 3 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
4	Assignment 1: Vietnam War (1971-1975) Quiz	Monday of Week 4	25%
	Assignment 2: Song Analysis 1 - Ohio	Tuesday of Week 4	25%
	Assignment 3: Song Analysis 2 - War!	Wednesday of Week 4	25%
	Assignment 4: Song Analysis 3 - Bring the Boys Home	Thursday of Week 4	25%
Week 4 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
5	Assignment 1: Persian Gulf War Quiz	Monday of Week 5	25%
	Assignment 2: Song Analysis 1 - Soldier Boy	Tuesday of Week 5	25%
	Assignment 3: Song Analysis 2 - Casualties of War	Wednesday of Week 5	25%
	Assignment 4: Song Analysis 3 - Desert Angel	Thursday of Week 5	25%
Week 5 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			16.6%
6	Assignment 1: War in Afghanistan Quiz	Monday of Week 6	11.1%
	Assignment 2: Song Analysis 1 - Let's Roll America	Tuesday of Week 6	11.1%
	Assignment 3: Song Analysis 2 - The Last Fallen Hero	Tuesday of Week 6	11.1%
	Assignment 4: Song Analysis 3 - Where Were You?	Wednesday of Week 6	11.1%
	Assignment 5: Song Analysis 4 - Only Time	Wednesday of Week 6	11.1%
	Assignment 6: The Iraq War Quiz	Thursday of Week 6	11.1%
	Assignment 7: Song Analysis 5 - Hey Ho	Thursday of Week 6	11.1%
	Assignment 8: Song Analysis 6 - Let's Impeach the President	Friday of Week 6	11.1%
	Assignment 9: Song Analysis 7 - Iraq and Roll	Friday of Week 6	11.2%
Week 6 Total Percentage Towards Final Grade			17%
WEIGHTED TOTAL			100%