Recent America – Weiss

Song Analysis

Directions: Choose a song from the list and read the lyrics. If possible, listen to an online recording.

Answer the questions below. You will need access to the Internet to do so.

1. What do you think the song is about?

2. What emotional response does the song evoke?

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.

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.

5. Do you believe the message of the song is relevant today? If so, is it relevant in your school, your community, the nation, the world, or all of them? If not, why not?

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

7. What might be an alternate title for the song?