



Bob Marley (1945-1981), Jamaica

Aim: Are revolutions more positive or negative?

Do Now: Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, wrote: “The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure (fertilizer).”

Questions

1. What do you think Jefferson meant?
2. Do you agree with Jefferson? Explain.

Instructions: Songwriters Bob Marley and John Lennon have very different views on whether revolutions are more positive or negative. In your teams read and discuss the lyrics to the two songs and answer questions 1-3.

1. Why does Marley want people to “stand up”?
2. Why does Lennon say he is opposed to destruction?
3. Which view of revolution comes closest to yours? Explain



John Lennon (1940-1980), England

“Get Up, Stand Up” by Bob Marley for the Wailers
<http://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/bobmarley/getupstandup.html>

Get up, stand up: stand up for your rights! (4X)
 Preacherman, don't tell me, Heaven is under the earth.
 I know you don't know What life is really worth.
 It's not all that glitters is gold; 'Alf the story has never been told:
 So now you see the light, eh! Stand up for your rights. Come on!
 Get up, stand up! (Jah, Jah!)
 Stand up for your rights! (Oh-hoo!)
 Get up, stand up! (Get up, stand up!)
 Don't give up the fight! (Life is your right!)
 We sick an' tired of-a your ism-skism game -
 Dyin' 'n' goin' to heaven in-a Jesus' name, Lord.
 We know when we understand:
 Almighty God is a living man.
 You can fool some people sometimes,
 But you can't fool all the people all the time.
 So now we see the light (What you gonna do?),
 We gonna stand up for our rights! (Yeah, yeah, yeah!)

“Revolution” by John Lennon for The Beatles
<http://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/beatles/revolution.html>

You say you want a revolution
 Well, you know We all want to change the world
 You tell me that it's evolution
 Well, you know We all want to change the world
 But when you talk about destruction
 Don't you know that you can count me out
 You say you got a real solution
 Well, you know We'd all love to see the plan
 You ask me for a contribution
 Well, you know We're all doing what we can
 But if you want money for people with minds that hate
 All I can tell you is brother you have to wait
 You say you'll change the constitution
 Well, you know We all want to change your head
 You tell me it's the institution
 Well, you know You'd better free your mind instead
 But if you go carrying pictures of Chairman Mao
 You ain't going to make it with anyone anyhow

Exit Ticket: Do you think the United States needs a revolution today? Explain your views with at least three specific reasons.