**Songs of the Vietnam War**

“Fortunate Son” Creedence Clearwater Revival (1969)

[Lyrics](http://www.creedence-online.net/lyrics/fortunate_son.php)

1. What is the overall message of this song?
2. Do you think this song is anti-war or pro-war? Explain why you think this.
3. This song was released in 1969. Was the war escalating or ending at this time? How does the year that this song was released affect the theme of the song?

“For What it’s Worth” Buffalo Springfield (1967)

[Lyrics](http://genius.com/Buffalo-springfield-for-what-its-worth-lyrics)

1. What does the artist mean when he says “Young people speaking their minds, getting so much resistance from behind?”
2. What would you categorize this song as? Hint: the “sound” that the artist refers to.

“Blowin’ in the Wind” Bob Dylan (1963)

[Lyrics](http://bobdylan.com/songs/blowin-wind/)

1. What is the main idea of this song?
2. What does the white dove in the song symbolize?
3. What does the phrase “blowin’ in the wind” mean? Is Dylan optimistic or pessimistic about the war? Explain.

“War”-Edwin Starr (1970)

[Lyrics](https://play.google.com/music/preview/Tjybomlnkrkbtxs6fztophx2p5q?lyrics=1&utm_source=google&utm_medium=search&utm_campaign=lyrics&pcampaignid=kp-lyrics)

1. According to Edwin Starr, why isn’t war the answer to America’s problems?
2. What does war do to families? Do you agree with Starr’s opinion? Why or why not?
3. Do you think the upbeat nature of this song makes you feel differently about the war? Explain.