Lyrics and Annotation

1. Listen to the song and follow along on the page or with online lyrics (ex. Lyrics.com)
2. Print the page if it is helpful to annotate directly on the page OR create a page in your journal or separate paper to write of lyrics and stanzas and what is being said, implied, techniques being used etc.
3. Follow the given analysis template in your booklet as a guide to writing an analytical response to the songs that you choose.

**SONG ANALYSIS (NOTATION) TEMPLATE**

Song name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Artist Name:

Main Idea/Moral/Protest: Explain in 5 sentences of less…

Lyric that stands out and supports message (moral):

Highlight ONE recurring or poetic device that stood out to you: Explain its effect….

Opinion of Effectiveness: (Music/Instrumental and Lyrics) Explain in 5 sentences of less…(Consider the effectiveness of the mood that is creating by the tempo, tone of voice, rhythm AND the effectiveness of the actual message of the song to make you think)

**"Waiting On The World To Change" (John Mayor)**

Me and all my friends  
We're all misunderstood  
They say we stand for nothing and  
There's no way we ever could  
Now we see everything that's going wrong  
With the world and those who lead it  
We just feel like we don't have the means  
To rise above and beat it  
  
So we keep waiting (waiting)  
Waiting on the world to change  
We keep on waiting (waiting)  
Waiting on the world to change  
It's hard to beat the system  
When we're standing at a distance  
So we keep waiting (waiting)  
Waiting on the world to change  
  
Now if we had the power  
To bring our neighbors home from war  
They would have never missed a Christmas  
No more ribbons on their door  
And when you trust your television  
What you get is what you got  
Cause when they own the information, oh  
They can bend it all they want  
  
That's why we're waiting (waiting)  
Waiting on the world to change  
We keep on waiting (waiting)  
Waiting on the world to change  
It's not that we don't care  
We just know that the fight ain't fair  
So we keep on waiting (waiting)  
Waiting on the world to change  
  
And we're still waiting (waiting)  
Waiting on the world to change  
We keep on waiting (waiting)  
Waiting on the world to change  
One day our generation  
Is gonna rule the population  
So we keep on waiting (waiting)  
Waiting on the world to change  
Now we keep on waiting (waiting)  
Waiting on the world to change  
We keep on waiting (waiting)  
Waiting on the world to change  
Waiting on the world to change  
Waiting on the world to change  
Waiting on the world to change

**"The Times They Are A-Changin'"**

Come gather 'round people  
Wherever you roam  
And admit that the waters  
Around you have grown  
And accept it that soon  
You'll be drenched to the bone  
If your time to you is worth savin'  
Then you better start swimmin'  
Or you'll sink like a stone  
For the times they are a-changin'  
  
Come writers and critics  
Who prophesize with your pen  
And keep your eyes wide  
The chance won't come again  
And don't speak too soon  
For the wheel's still in spin  
And there's no tellin' who that it's namin'  
For the loser now  
Will be later to win  
For the times they are a-changin'  
  
Come senators, congressmen  
Please heed the call  
Don't stand in the doorway  
Don't block up the hall  
For he that gets hurt  
Will be he who has stalled  
The battle outside ragin'  
Will soon shake your windows  
And rattle your walls  
For the times they are a-changin'  
  
Come mothers and fathers  
Throughout the land  
And don't criticize  
What you can't understand  
Your sons and your daughters  
Are beyond your command  
Your old road is rapidly agin'  
Please get out of the new one  
If you can't lend your hand  
For the times they are a-changin'  
  
The line it is drawn  
The curse it is cast  
The slow one now  
Will later be fast  
As the present now  
Will later be past  
The order is rapidly fadin'  
And the first one now  
Will later be last  
For the times they are a-changin'

**"Where Is The Love?"**

What's wrong with the world, mama  
People livin' like they ain't got no mamas  
I think the whole world's addicted to the drama  
Only attracted to the things that'll bring the trauma  
  
Overseas, yeah, we tryin' to stop terrorism  
But we still got terrorists here livin'  
In the USA, the big CIA  
The Bloods and The Crips and the KKK  
  
But if you only have love for your own race  
Then you only leave space to discriminate  
And to discriminate only generates hate  
And when you hate then you're bound to get irate, yeah  
  
Madness is what you demonstrate  
And that's exactly how anger works and operates  
Man, you gotta have love, this'll set us straight  
Take control of your mind and meditate  
Let your soul gravitate to the love, y'all, y'all  
  
People killin', people dyin'  
Children hurt and you hear them cryin'  
Can you practice what you preach?  
And would you turn the other cheek?  
  
Father, Father, Father help us  
Send some guidance from above  
'Cause people got me, got me questionin'  
Where is the love (Love)  
  
Where is the love (The love)  
Where is the love (The love)  
Where is the love, the love, the love  
  
It just ain't the same, old ways have changed  
New days are strange, is the world insane?  
If love and peace is so strong  
Why are there pieces of love that don't belong?  
  
Nations droppin' bombs  
Chemical gasses fillin' lungs of little ones  
With ongoin' sufferin' as the youth die young  
So ask yourself is the lovin' really gone  
  
So I could ask myself really what is goin' wrong  
In this world that we livin' in people keep on givin' in  
Makin' wrong decisions, only visions of them dividends  
Not respectin' each other, deny thy brother  
A war is goin' on but the reason's undercover  
  
The truth is kept secret, and swept under the rug  
If you never know truth then you never know love  
Where's the love, y'all, come on (I don't know)  
Where's the truth, y'all, come on (I don't know)  
Where's the love, y'all  
  
People killin', people dyin'  
Children hurt and you hear them cryin'  
Can you practice what you preach?  
Or would you turn the other cheek?  
  
Father, Father, Father help us  
Send some guidance from above  
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Where is the love (The love)?  
Where is the love (The love)?  
Where is the love, the love, the love?  
  
I feel the weight of the world on my shoulder  
As I'm gettin' older, y'all, people gets colder  
Most of us only care about money makin'  
Selfishness got us followin' the wrong direction  
  
Wrong information always shown by the media  
Negative images is the main criteria  
Infecting the young minds faster than bacteria  
Kids wanna act like what they see in the cinema  
  
Yo', whatever happened to the values of humanity  
Whatever happened to the fairness and equality  
Instead of spreading love we're spreading animosity  
Lack of understanding, leading us away from unity  
  
That's the reason why sometimes I'm feelin' under  
That's the reason why sometimes I'm feelin' down  
There's no wonder why sometimes I'm feelin' under  
Gotta keep my faith alive 'til love is found  
Now ask yourself  
  
Where is the love?  
Where is the love?  
Where is the love?  
Where is the love?  
  
Father, Father, Father, help us  
Send some guidance from above  
'Cause people got me, got me questionin'  
Where is the love?  
  
Sing with me y'all  
One world, one world (We only got)  
One world, one world (That's all we got)  
One world, one world  
And something's wrong with it (Yeah)  
Something's wrong with it (Yeah)  
Something's wrong with the wo-wo-world, yeah  
We only got  
(One world, one world)  
That's all we got  
(One world, one world)