## **ASSIGNMENT – Music & Politics**

Year 9, Autumn 2016



## First song - from the youtube list

- 1. On our blogsite you find the playlist: www.engelskagottsundaskolan.wordpress.com/Year 9
- 2. Choose one of the songs from the playlist.
- 3. Search for the lyrics on Internet. Copy and paste it on a word-document.
- 4. Read through the lyrics and underline the words that you don't understand. Use a wordlist and translate the words.
- 5. Read through one verse at a time and try to figure out what the verse is about (handlar om).
- 6. Write keywords next to every verse. That will help you to remember what the song is about.

## Now you are going to write a text about the song. Make sure your text covers the questions below. If you follow the structure you will complete the assignment <sup>3</sup>

- 1. Search the Internet and gather some facts about the artist and/or the composer of the song. Write briefly (*kortfattat*) about the composer and the artist/group who performs the music.
- 2. What is this song about? Write a few lines about what the song is about.
- 3. Write about the video clip. Do you think the video corresponds with the music and the content of the lyrics?
- 4. What political message does the song express? Is it about racism, poverty, injustice between men and women, human values, prejudices, war, etc?
- 5. Explain if and why these issues are important to you and to people in general. Give some examples of how people are affected and possible consequences for humans.
- 6. Does the song encourage to a change in society? What comes to mind when you listen to the lyrics?

## Second song - your choice



- 1. Choose a song that means something special to you.
- 2. Search the Internet and gather some facts about the artist and/or the composer of the song. Write briefly (*kortfattat*) about the composer and the artist/group who performs the music.
- 3. Why is this song special to you? Do you remember the first time you heard the song?
- 4. What does the song make you feel? Describe your emotions!
- 5. Analyze the lyrics. What happens in the song? Why do you think the song is written? What message does the song send?
- 6. Choose a verse or some lines from the lyrics and explain why they are special. What do they mean?

Your thoughts cannot be wrong!







