**RESOURCE PACKAGE (Worksheets, Assignments and Resources) Lesson One (Part A)**

**Song Lyrics:**

Artist: **Tracy Chapman**

Album: Tracy Chapman (1988) Song: *Talking About a Revolution*

Don't you know?

They're talking about a revolution it sounds like a whisper

While they're standing in the welfare lines

Crying at the doorsteps of those armies of salvation Wasting time in the unemployment lines

Sitting around waiting for a promotion

Poor people are going to rise up and get their share

Poor people are going to rise up and take what's theirs

Don't you know?

You better run, run, run... Oh I said you better

Run, run, run...

Finally the tables are starting to turn Talking about a revolution

Artist: **The Beatles**

Album: The White Album (1968)

Song: *You Say You Want a Revolution*

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

Don't you know it's gonna be all right

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 doing what we can

But when you want money

for people with minds that hate

All I can tell is brother you have to wait

Don't you know it's gonna be all right

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 better free you mind instead But if you go carrying pictures of chairman Mao You ain't going to make it with anyone anyhow Don't you know it's gonna be all right

Artist: **Public Enemy**

Album: Fear of a Black Planet (1989) Song: *Fight the Power*

1989 the number another summer (get down) Sound of the funky drummer

Music hittin' your heart cause I know you got sould (Brothers and sisters hey)

Listen if you're missin' y'all Swingin' while I'm singin' Givin' whatcha gettin' Knowin' what I know

While the Black bands sweatin' And the rhythm rhymes rollin' Got to give us what we want Gotta give us what we need

Our freedom of speech is freedom or death

We got to fight the powers that be

Lemme hear you say

Fight the power

As the rhythm designed to bounce

What counts is that the rhymes

Designed to fill your mind

Now that you've realized the prides arrived We got to pump the stuff to make us tough from the heart

It's a start, a work of art

To revolutionize make a change nothin's strange People, people we are the same

No we're not the same

Cause we don't know the game

What we need is awareness, we can't get careless You say what is this?

My beloved lets get down to business

Mental self defensive fitness

(Yo) let’s rush the show

You gotta go for what you know

Make everybody see, in order to fight the powers that be Lemme hear you say...

Fight the Power

Artist: **Bob Marley**

Album: Trenchtown Rock (1975) Song: *Burnin’ and Lootin’*

This morning I woke up in a curfew

Oh god, I was a prisoner too - yeah

Could not recognize the faces standing over me They were all dressed in uniforms of brutality

How many rivers do we have to cross? Before we can talk to the boss

All that we got seems lost

We must have really paid the cost

(That's why we gonna be) Burnin' and a-lootin' tonight (Say we gonna burn and loot) Burnin' and a-lootin' tonight (One more thing)

Burnin all pollution tonight (Oh yeah, yeah)

Burning all illusions tonight

Oh stop them

Give me the food and let me grow Let the roots man take a blow

All them drugs gonna make you slow now It's not the music of the ghetto

Weeping and a-wailing tonight (Ooh can't stop the tears)

Weepin' and a-wailin' tonight

(We've been suffering all these long, long years) Weeping and a-wailing tonight

Give me the food and let me grow

Let the roots man take a blow

All them drugs gonna make you slow now It's not the music of the ghetto

We gonna be burnin' and a-lootin' tonight

(To survive, yeah)

Burnin' and a-lootin' tonight (Save your babies lives) Burning all pollution tonight Burning all illusions tonight

Burnin and lootin tonight  
Burnin and lootin tonight

**Worksheet 1A**

**Revolution**

What do these songs have to say about the causes of revolutions? List at least 3 causes.

Do the artists all have the same opinion on whether revolutions are a good thing? Explain your answer.

What are some of the emotions that go along with revolutionary ideas? List at least three.