

## ACTIVITY 1

### AMERICAN MUSIC, AMERICAN HISTORY



#### INTRODUCTION

Many songs have been composed about different topics in American history. These traditional songs help shape the American identity. Using these songs, you will create a multimedia project using either Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Photo Story or a video editing tool.

#### TASK:

In groups of 3 – 4 members, complete the following tasks:

1. Select five (5) songs related to American history. You may locate lyrics and music files for some songs from the following websites:

##### Music in America:

[http://memory.loc.gov/learn/community/cc\\_music.php](http://memory.loc.gov/learn/community/cc_music.php)

##### Authentic History

<http://www.authentichistory.com/>

2. Some suggestions you might wish to consider include:
  - a. "Tom Joad" by Woodie Guthrie
  - b. "Our Country" by John Mellencamp
  - c. "Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key
  - d. "American the Beautiful" by Katherine Lee Bates

You are not limited to these suggestions.

For each song selected, fill out a chart to organize your notes (See Handout 1).

3. Using these songs, you will create a multimedia project using either Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Photo Story or a video editing tool. You may locate images from the following website:

##### American Memory:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>

4. Make a presentation of your work to rest of the class.

#### EVALUATION:

1. Students will be evaluated using the rubrics posted on the curriculum website at <http://szetohistory.tripod.com/regentsunits.htm>. Put all work in the portfolio.

## HANDOUTT 1: AMERICAN MUSIC, AMERICAN HISTORY

Directions: Using the Internet resources, fill out the chart below.

SONG	HISTORICAL CONTEXT
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