

## Sociology - Blizzard Bag #2

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### Music and Counterculture

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We spent a lot of time in the second chapter we studied talking about **subcultures**, **countercultures**, and **values**.

You need to find a song that represents a **counterculture**. Punks, hippies, skaters, gangsters, and even neonazis have their own music that they create and listen to. Find a song ( that is either school appropriate or you're allowed to listen to ) online on YouTube, SoundCloud, or some other source that represents the values of a counterculture and answer the following:

- What is your song? Give me the artist name and title.
- What counterculture is associated with your song?
- What are **two examples** of lyrics from the song that show it represents the counterculture or its values? Explain how.
- What is **one** mainstream American ( or not America, if you used a foreign song ) idea or value that your song is trying to change or resist?

As a quick reminder a **subculture** is a culture that operates within a larger culture with its own norms, values, and customs that are different from the mainstream. In America some examples are goths, rednecks, gamers, or hippies.

**Countercultures** are like subcultures, but with an important difference - instead of just existing in the wider culture, they have values that **oppose** and **want to change** the mainstream culture or its values. An example can be the anti war movement in the 1960's and 1970's - they fought mainstream culture to try to end the war in Vietnam.

**Values** are what a group considers the right way to live. Mainstream American culture values financial and material success, starting a family, competition, personal freedom, and many other things.

1.) Which song did you choose?

2.) Which counterculture is associated with the song?

3.) Paste an example of lyrics in the song that show how it represents the subculture or its ideas.

How does this represent the counterculture?

4.) Paste another example of lyrics in the song that show how it represents the subculture or its ideas.

How does this represent the counterculture?

5.) Which mainstream American ( or not American, if you used a foreign song ) idea or value is your song trying to change or oppose?

Send any finished work or questions to me at [jhunter@thetomorrowcenter.org](mailto:jhunter@thetomorrowcenter.org). If this is a snow day I'll probably just be sitting around my house watching Netflix and can lend a hand.