# CHAPTER 7 Meaning Through Music

# **KOMPETENSI DASAR**

- 3.9 Menafsirkan fungsi sosial dan unsur kebahasaan lirik lagu terkait kehidupan remaja SMA/MA/SMK/MAK
- 4.9 Menangkap makna secara kontekstual terkait fungsi sosial dan unsur kebahasaan lirik lagu terkait kehidupan remaja SMA/MA/SMK/MAK



With a partner, study the lyrics of the following songs. Then, discuss the questions.

# "Stand By Me" by Ben E King

When the night has come
And the land is dark
And the moon is the only light we'll see
No I won't be afraid
Oh, I won't be afraid
Just as long as you stand, stand by me

So darling, darling
Stand by me, oh stand by me
Oh stand, stand by me
Stand by me

If the sky that we look upon
Should tumble and fall
All the mountains should crumble to the sea
I won't cry, I won't cry
No, I won't shed a tear
Just as long as you stand, stand by me

So darling, darling
Stand by me, oh stand by me
Oh stand, stand by me
Stand by me

So darling, darling
Stand by me, oh stand by me
Oh stand now, stand by me, stand by me
Whenever you're in trouble won't you stand by me
Oh stand by me, oh won't you stand now, stand
Stand by me
Stand by me

# **Discussion Questions for Stand by Me** 1. What do you think the title "Stand by Me" means? 2. Do you consider "Stand by Me" an inspirational song? Why? 3. If you had to change the lyrics of "Stand by Me", which lyrics would you change? **Discussion Notes:**

# "We Shall Overcome" by Pete Seeger

We shall overcome, We shall overcome, We shall overcome, some day.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe We shall overcome, some day.

We'll walk hand in hand, We'll walk hand in hand, We'll walk hand in hand, some day.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe We shall overcome, some day.

We shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace, some day.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe We shall overcome, some day.

We are not afraid,
We are not afraid,
We are not afraid, TODAY

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe We shall overcome, some day.

The whole wide world around
The whole wide world around
The whole wide world around some day

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe We shall overcome, some day.

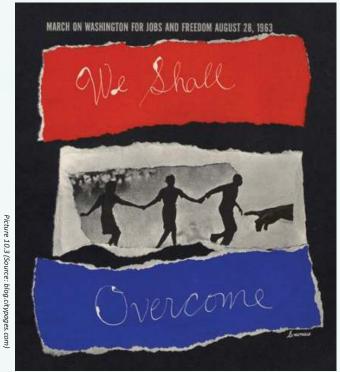


# **Discussion Questions for We Shall Overcome**

- 1. What do you think is the theme of this song?
- 2. Is this an inspiring song? Does it inspire you?
- 3. Do you think you can overcome all the obstacles and live in a happy and prosperous world?

# **Discussions Notes:**





# "Hero" by Mariah Carey

If you look inside your heart
You don't have to be afraid
Of what you are
There's an answer
If you reach into your soul
And the sorrow that you know
Will melt away

# [Chorus]

And then a hero comes along
With the strength to carry on
And you cast your fears aside
And you know you can survive
So when you feel like hope is gone
Look inside you and be strong
And you'll finally see the truth
That a hero lies in you

It's a long road
When you face the world alone
No one reaches out a hand
For you to hold
You can find love
If you search within yourself
And the emptiness you felt
Will disappear

## [Chorus]

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And you cast your fears aside
And you know you can survive
So when you feel like hope is gone
Look inside you and be strong
And you'll finally see the truth
That a hero lies in you

The Lord knows
Dreams are hard to follow
But don't let anyone
Tear them away
Hold on
There will be tomorrow
In time
You'll find the way

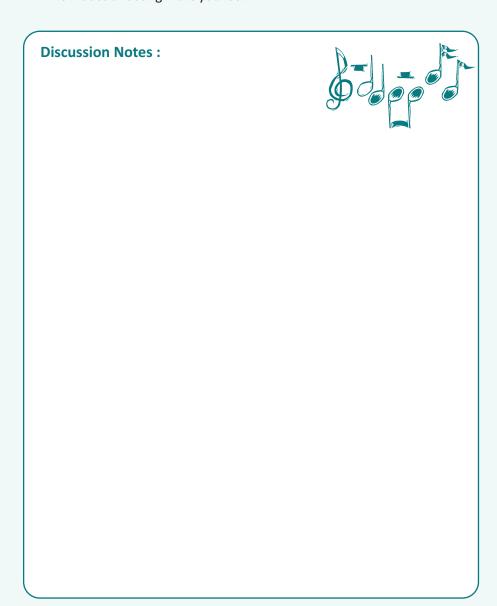
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# **Discussion Questions for Hero**

- 1. What is the song "Hero" about?
- 2. According to the song "Hero", what makes a hero?
- 3. Who is your hero? Why?
- 4. How does this song make you feel?





by William Ernest Henley

Out of the night that covers me, Black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever gods may be For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance I have not winced nor cried aloud. Under the bludgeonings of chance My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears Looms but the horror of the shade, And yet the menace of the years Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.

# **Discussion Questions for Invictus**

- 1. *Invictus* is a latin word that means <u>unconquered</u>. What does it say about the poem?
- 2. Why do you think the poet is not frightened?
- 3. Do you like the poem "Invictus"?
- 4. Do you agree with what the poet is saying? Why? Why Not?
- 5. Do you think poems can change people?

# "The Road Not Taken"

by Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both And be one traveller, long I stood And looked down one as far as I could To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair, And having perhaps the better claim, Because it was grassy and wanted wear; Though as for that the passing there Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay In leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads to way, I doubted if I should ever come back. I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I – I took the one less travelled by, And that has made all the difference.

# **Discussion Questions for The Road Not Taken**

- 1. What do you think the poem "The Road Not Taken" is about?
- 2. What might the two roads represent or symbolize? Make a list of possibilities and discuss with your partner.
- 3. Did the poet choose between the roads? Which road do you think he chose?
- 4. Do you think the poet is content with his choice? Give reasons to support your answer.

# "Dreams" by Langston Hughes Hold fast to dreams For if dreams die Life is a broken-winged bird That cannot fly. Hold fast to dreams For when dreams go Life is a barren field Frozen with snow. **Discussion Questions for Dreams** 1. What do you think the poem "Dreams" is about? 2. Do you think dreams can be realized? 3. Do you agree with Langston when he says that life is like a wingless bird without dreams? Discuss! 4. How does the poem make you feel? 5. What do you think the poet is saying? Do you agree? Give reasons.



# How to figure out a song's meaning

Artists write songs and poems to express their feelings. Finding the meaning of a song is a demanding task because we do not know what the writer was feeling at the time of writing the song or poem. Whenever we are successful in finding the meaning of a song or poem, it brings a great feeling of satisfaction and appreciation towards the song.

These are the steps involved in finding the meaning of a song.

# Step 1:

It is very important to know the lyrics of a song.

### Step 2:

Try to figure out the type of song. Is it classical, country, etc.?

# Step 3:

Find out what kind of poetic devices are used and then re-examine the lyrics. You will be able to find a whole new meaning of words.

### Step 4:

Listen to the song while reading the lyrics. It can help you to find deeper connection with words. Try to look for the message of the song.

# Step 5:

Keep an open mind and discuss the meaning with other people. You will be surprised how different perspectives can open up your mind to new meanings.

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In groups of five, discuss each other's favourite songs, poems, singers and poets. You can ask each other questions like these:

- Who are your favourite singers and poets?
- Which is your favourite song? Why do you like it?
- Are lyrics and music equally important to a song or not?
- What do you think is important for a song? Lyrics or music?
- Do you think music can help bring peace?
- Does music make you cheerful?
- Do you like listening to music in Bahasa Indonesia or English?
- If you could be any musician, who would you want to be and why?
- Do you think songs with offensive lyrics should be banned?
- Should songs and poems have moral values?

- Do you think songs or poems can change people?

- Do you think songs and poems play an important role in spreading important messages in our life?



# I can do this.

# **Complete these statements:**

- 1. The most interesting thing I learnt in this chapter was .......
- 2. The part I enjoyed most was .......
- 3. I would like to find more about .......
- 4. The hardest part in this chapter was .......
- 5. I need to work harder at .......

Read the statements below and tick ( $\checkmark$ ) the option that is most applicable to you.

	Definitely	Yes	Maybe	No	Not at all
The poems and songs were easy to understand.					

My plan to overcome difficulties of this chapter