Course Objectives
The aim of the course is to examine some key songs and singer/song-writers associated with the major wars of the past 250 years or so – the American Revolution, The American Civil War, WWI, WWII, and the Vietnam War. Among the musicians to be discussed are Pete Seeger, Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Phil Ochs, Eric Bogle, Neil Young and Arlo Guthrie. Our focus will be on how the biographies of such key personalities interact with social context to produce songs related to war and peace.

Week I - Introduction

Professor and Student Introductions
Protest Song Quiz
Discussion of Course Outline
Conceptual Sketch
Sources Used
Student Participation
“The Ballad of Chevy Chase” - The Oldest Known War/Peace Song?
Just and Unjust Wars
War, Anti-War and Peace Songs
Protest Songs: Anti-War and Peace Songs
Types of Protest Songs

Week II - War Songs

National Anthems: The U.S., France and Cuba
A Contrast: Canada, Switzerland and Australia
Waltzing Matilda
The American Revolution
Johnny Has Gone For a Soldier
Free America

The American Civil War
We Are Coming Father Abraham
The Battle Hymn of the Republic
Dixie
When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again

Two Protest Song Exceptions: Two Brothers and Down by the Riverside

World War I
I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now
Pack Up Your Troubles
Keep the Home Fires Burning
Hanging on the Old Barbed Wire

World War II
Lili Marlene
Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree
We'll Meet Again

The Story of the Almanacs

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**Week III - Anti-War and Peace Songs: Part I**

Anti-Nuclear Songs
Old Man Atom - Vern Partlow
Strangest Dream - Ed McCurdy
Morning Dew - Bonnie Dobson

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Background to the Vietnam War: The U.S. in the Fifties
Popular Culture and Conformity
Political Conservatism and Conformity
The Countercultural Reaction

The Vietnam War as an Unjust War

Canada's Role in the Vietnam War

Vietnam War Timetable

Where Have all the Flowers Gone - Pete Seeger

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**Week IV - Anti-War and Peace Songs: Part II**
Universal Soldier - Buffy Sainte-Marie

With God on our Side - Bob Dylan

I'm Fixin to Die Rag - Country Joe McDonald

The Story of Phil Ochs
  Draft Dodger Rag
  I Ain't Marching Anymore
  The War is Over

Two Contrasting Songs: Bring 'Em Home by Pete Seeger and The Ballad of the Green Berets by Robin Moore and Barry Sadler

Alice's Restaurant - Arlo Guthrie

Waist Deep in the Big Muddy - Pete Seeger

**Week V - Anti-War and Peace Songs: Part III**

Two Contrasting Songs: Give Peace a Chance by John Lennon and Okie From Muskogee by Roy Edward Burris and Merle Haggard

Imagine - John Lennon

The Story of Neil Young
  Ohio

The Story of Eric Bogle
  And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda

Born in the USA – Bruce Springsteen

**Week VI - Tightening Some Loose Ends**

The Conceptual Sketch Revisited
  Social Context - Historical Events
  Social Context - Cultural Definition of Just and Unjust Wars
  Social Context - Culture/Resource Distribution Contradicitions
    Down in Mississippi by J.B. Lenoir
    Backlash Blues by Nina Simone

  Biography – Race, Ethnicity and Class

Anti-War and Peace Songs of Today
  Last to Die - Bruce Springsteen
The Dixie Chicks

Do Protest Songs Make a Difference?