

# Freedom

## Part 1-What is freedom?

Discuss in your groups. (You do not have to write).

1. What does *freedom* mean to you?
2. Do you feel that you have freedom here in the United States? Why or why not?
3. Do you think that you have more freedom here in the United States than you had in your naïve country? Why or why not?

## Part 2-Who is free and who is not?

Answer the following question. Work together in your group.

Use another piece of paper and make two lists.

Who has more freedom (in the United States or around the world) and who has less freedom?

	<u>More Freedom</u>	<u>Less Freedom</u>
(Example)	men	women

## Part 3-Vocabulary Prep

Work together in your group. Look at the underlined words. Do you know the meaning of the word(s)? If not, use your dictionary.

1. Rain is uncommon in San Francisco in July.
2. Can you lend me pencil?
3. The woman was given an award for her bravery.
4. She felt anguish when her dog died.
5. We have faith that we will soon have a new campus.
6. Europeans enslaved many Africans in the 1600's.
7. The mother told the crying baby to hush.

# Life Uncommon

Jewel

Don't worry mother, it'll be all right  
Don't worry sister, say your prayers  
sleep tight  
It'll be fine lover of mine  
It'll be just fine

## Chorus

Lend your voices only to sounds of freedom  
No longer lend your strength to that  
Which you wish to be free from  
Fill your lives with love and bravery  
And you shall lead a life uncommon

I've heard your anguish,  
I've heard your hearts cry out  
We are tired, we are weary,  
But we aren't worn out  
Set down your chains, until only faith remains  
Set down your chains

## Chorus Repeat

And lend your voices only to sounds of freedom  
No longer lend your strength to that  
Which you wish to be free from  
Fill your lives with love and bravery  
And we shall lead a life uncommon

There are plenty of people who pray for peace  
But if praying were enough  
it would have come to be  
Let your words enslave no one  
And the heavens will hush themselves  
To hear our voices ring out clear  
With sounds of freedom  
Sounds of freedom

## UNDERSTANDING THE SONG

1. In the 1<sup>st</sup> stanza, Jewel says, "don't worry". Who is she talking and to?
2. What are two other ways that she says, "don't worry" in the first stanza?
3. What does sleep tight mean?
4. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> stanza, Jewel says "we are tired". What are two other words she uses to mean tired?
5. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> stanza, she says "set down your chains". What kind of people wear chains?  
  
What do you think she means, when she says, "set down your chains?"

6. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> stanzas, she says, "if praying were enough it would have come to be". What is the it in this line?
7. What will the heavens hush themselves to hear?

Come on you unbelievers, move out of the way  
There is a new army coming  
And we are armed with faith  
To live, we must give  
To live

Chorus Repeat (2x)  
And lend our voices only to sounds of freedom  
No longer lend our strength to that  
Which we wish to be free from  
Fill your lives with love and bravery  
And we shall lead.

8. In the 4<sup>th</sup> stanza, she tells the unbelievers to move out of the way. Who do you think the unbelievers are?

9. What words does she change in the final chorus? Why do you think she changes these words?