

Get Up, Stand Up

In Your Work Groups:

The group's answers will be handed in on a binder paper with everyone's signature.

A. Rastafarian Religion

Bob Marley practiced the Rastafarian religion. Read about this religion in the article. Answer together the questions.

- 1) According to the Rastafarian religion, who is God?
- 2) What is the term for white political power?
- 3) What are some of the social problems that blacks face?
- 4) What is ganja? What is it used for?
- 5) What do the dreadlocks represent?
- 6) What principles of the Rastafarian religion are similar to your belief system? What values do you share?
- 7) What is different?

B. Sentence and Paragraph Work

(a) ("Get Up, Stand Up"). This is the cutting call-to-arms that kicked off the Burnin' album. (b) Seldom has the Rasta ethos (beliefs) been spelled out with greater sagacity, yet the theme transcends all religious and political boundaries. (c) Amnesty International uses this song as their anthem.

- 1) In sentence (a) what does the pronoun "this " refer to?
- 2) In sentence (b), which word connects the two dependent clauses? What relationship is indicated (addition, contrast, or cause & effect)?

- 3) What kind of verb is *transcend* in sentence (b): active or linking?
- 4) What is the subject and predicate of sentence (c)?

III. Vocabulary

1) Kick off: (a) to start or resume play in football by a placekick (b) to mark the beginning of

Which definition matches "kick off" in sentence (a)? What is it referring to?

2) Spell out: (a) to make plain <*spelled out* the orders in detail> (b) to write or print in letters and in full <numbers are to be *spelled out*>

What was spelled out in the song "Get Up, Stand Up"?

3) Transcend: (a) to rise above or go beyond the limits of (b) to triumph over the negative aspects of: overcome

What transcends racism?

4) Boundary: Something that separates

What boundaries are there between people?

IV. Look over these questions concerning the lyrics. Discuss in your group.

1. What glitters in gold?
2. Who has the responsibility to create a more just society?
3. What are some of "isms" that we might experience?