

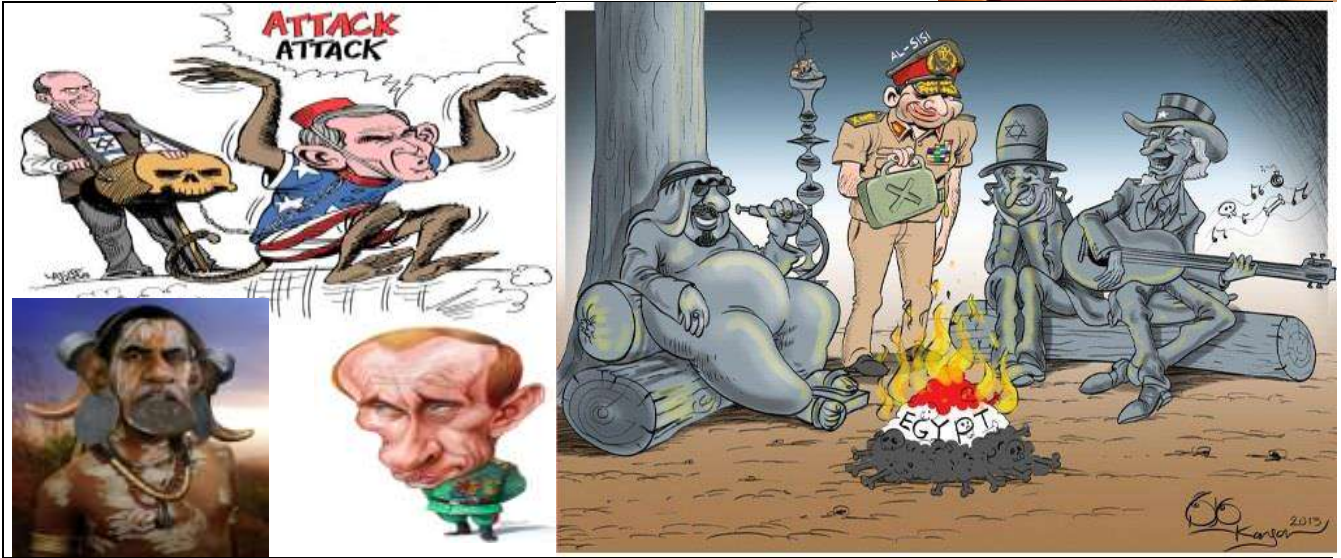
“Dear Mr. President”



A. PRE-LISTENING:

1. Think about what famous people often have to go through?

Here are a few examples:



1. Should songs and politics mix?
2. Do you know any English songs that criticize or make fun of famous public people?
3. Should critical and partly insulting songs like “Dear Mr President” be censored (= to be forbidden)? What are the pros and cons of such songs?

B. LISTEN TO THE SONG AND DO THE TASKS BELOW:

Task 1: Match the lines.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dear Mr. President, 2. Let's pretend 3. And you're not better than me. 4. Some questions | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. We're just two people b. If we can speak honestly. c. I'd like to ask you d. Come take a walk with me. |
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Task 2: Fill in the gaps.

What do you when you see all the homeless on the street?
 Who do you pray for at night before you go to?
 What do you when you look in the mirror?
 Are you proud?
 How do you while the rest of us cry?
 How do you when a mother has no chance to say goodbye?
 How do you walk with your head held high?
 Can you even look me in the
 And tell me?



Task 3: Choose the correct words:

Dear Mr. President,
 Were you **a lonely / the only** boy?
 Are you a lonely boy?
 How can you say

No child is left **blind / behind**?
 We're not dumb and we're not blind.
 They're all sitting in your cells
 While you pave the road to **hell / hall**.

Task 4: Correct the mistakes:

What kind of brother would take his own daughters rights away?

And what kind of father might love his own daughter if she were gay?

I can only imagine what the second lady has to say!

You've come a short way, from whiskey and cocaine!

Task 5: Fill in the blanks with the words from the lists:

How do you sleep while the rest of us?
 How do you dream when a mother has no to say goodbye?
 How do you walk with your head held high?
 Can you even me in the eye?

- chance
- cry
- look

Let me tell you 'bout hard work
 Minimum with a baby on the way
 Let me tell you 'bout hard work
 Rebuilding your house after the took them away
 Let me tell you 'bout hard work
 Building a out of a cardboard box
 Let me tell you 'bout hard work
 Hard work, hard work
 You don't know nothing 'bout hard work
 Hard work, hard work
 Oh

- boombs
- wage
- bed

(How do you sleep at night?
 How do you walk with your head held high?)
 Dear Mr. President,
 You'd never take a walk with me.
 Would you?



C. COMPREHENSION:

1. What is the song about?
2. In the first verse pick out 2 expressions showing Pink is giving the president an invitation.
3. Find words for these definitions:
 - a. To make believe, as in a play:
 - b. Payment in return for work or services:
4. Choose the appropriate synonym for “**dumb**”. (3rd verse)
 - a. surprised
 - b. stupid
 - c. clever
5. In the 3rd verse, what does “**cells**” refer to?
6. Give an adjective for “**with a baby on the way**”. (5th verse)
7. Who does “**building a bed out of a cardboard box**” refer to?



D. FOLLOW UP:

“Me Mr President...”

Imagine you are the president and you have just received “the letter”.

Take over the president’s perspective and write either **a) an answer / statement** or **b) a diary entry** or **c) a dialogue between him and the first lady at the dinner table**. Be prepared to present it in class.

“Media in use”

Use the lyrics of the song and make a plan to create something new out of it (e.g. a collage *or* a comic *or* short drama *or* a voting campaign *or* a TV report *or* a music video *or* a PowerPoint Presentation *or* ...). Be prepared to present it in class.

