**National Anthems Questions**

**Directions:** National anthems often represent core values and ideas that countries believe in at the time they are adopted.

For each song, answer the following questions:

1. Does this song refer to the land? If so, what kind of feelings does it project?

1. Does this song refer to history or some kind of common past? If so, list the phrases referring to the past.

1. Does this song refer to some kind of common future? If so, list the phrases referring to the future.

1. Does this song refer to any political ideas? If so, what are they?

1. Does this song refer to the people of the country? If so, what kinds of things does it mention that might provide them with a common identity?

1. Which, if any, of the songs seem to support the idea of the nation as based primarily on political rights and liberties?

1. Which of the songs, if any, seem to emphasize the concept of the nation as a people with a common ancestry and common history?

1. Do any of the songs seem not to fit the modern concept of the nation-state? Why do you think this might be?

1. Which song most closely matches the idea represented in the U.S. motto, E pluribus unum?