

when people hate people – worksheet

Part 1

“Strange Fruit” song was originally a poem written in 1937 by Jewish-American teacher and writer Abel Meeropol. Two years later, a famous American jazz singer, Billie Holiday performed her version of the song.

1 Listen and fill in the gaps with one word.

Southern 1 bear strange fruit

Blood on the leaves and blood at the **root**

2 bodies swinging in the southern breeze

Strange fruit hanging from the **poplar** trees

Pastoral scene of the gallant south

The **bulging** 3 and the twisted mouth

Scent of magnolias, sweet and 4

Then the sudden 5 of burning **flesh**

Here is fruit for the **crows to pluck**

For the 6 to gather, for the wind to suck

For the 7 **to rot**, for the trees to drop

Here is a strange and 8 crop

2 Find the words in the lyrics and try to guess their meaning from the context. Then match the words with their definitions.

1 pastoral scene -

a) a big black bird with an unpleasant cry

2 bulging -

b) to pull something in order to remove it

3 flesh -

c) a pleasant and idyllic scene which is likely to be seen in the country

4 poplar -

d) a tall, straight, fast-growing tree

5 crow -

e) body

6 to pluck -

f) to decay; to decompose

7 to rot -

g) sticking out

8 root -

h) the part of a plant which grows down into the earth

Part 2

3 You will watch a short documentary showing the story of Yugoslavian Romeo and Juliet. Before you watch, try to guess what the story is about.

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4 Watch the video again and complete the text below with the words in the box.

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In 1993, Bosko and Admira found themselves on either side of an ethnic 1) : Bosko was a Serbian 2), Admira was a Bosnian Muslim. Their peoples were fighting, but they were in 3) When the civil war started, they tried to 4) from sieged Sarajevo, but never managed to leave the city. Instead, they were shot 5) on Vrbanja Bridge and their bodies were left there untouched for 6) days. The young people didn't care about the divisions of the war, but they were killed because of them. Bosko and Admira became a 7) of unity of love. In Sarajevo every citizen had a bullet with their name on it. Some people were hit, some people were not. More than 13,000 would 8), including Bosko and Admira. Their story offers a 9) for all divided people today as religious tensions rise around the 10)

Part 3

“When will our consciences grow so tender that we will act to prevent human misery rather than avenge it?” (Eleanor Roosevelt)

	<i>Houses burnt beyond repair.</i>	<i>Old men kneel to accept their fate.</i>
“No Bravery” by James Blunt	<i>The smell of death is in the air.</i>	<i>Wives and daughters cut and raped.</i>
	<i>A woman weeping in despair says,</i>	<i>A generation drenched in hate.</i>
<i>There are children standing here,</i>	<i>He has been here.</i>	<i>Says, he has been here.</i>
<i>Arms outstretched into the sky,</i>	<i>Tracer lighting up the sky.</i>	
<i>Tears drying on their face.</i>	<i>It's another families' turn to die.</i>	<i>And I see no bravery,</i>
<i>He has been here.</i>	<i>A child afraid to even cry out says,</i>	<i>No bravery in your eyes anymore.</i>
<i>Brothers lie in shallow graves.</i>	<i>He has been here.</i>	<i>Only sadness.</i>
<i>Fathers lost without a trace.</i>		
<i>A nation blind to their disgrace,</i>	<i>And I see no bravery,</i>	<i>And I see no bravery,</i>
<i>Since he's been here.</i>	<i>No bravery in your eyes anymore.</i>	<i>No bravery in your eyes anymore.</i>
	<i>Only sadness.</i>	
<i>And I see no bravery,</i>	<i>(x2)</i>	<i>And I see no bravery,</i>
<i>No bravery in your eyes anymore.</i>		<i>No bravery in your eyes anymore.</i>
<i>Only sadness.</i>	<i>There are children standing here,</i>	<i>Only sadness.</i>
<i>(x2)</i>	<i>Arms outstretched into the sky,</i>	<i>(x2)</i>
<i>Only sadness</i>	<i>But no one asks the question why,</i>	<i>Only sadness</i>
	<i>He has been here.</i>	