Front cover image showing group photo of young Australian soldiers during World War One.

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# Source analysis: Protest songs

There are many of types of sources which allow historians to examine how previous generations viewed significant events. One such example is the protest song, a song which is created to voice the need for social change.

## Task

Click on the links below each of these Australian war protest songs to view a clip of the songs being sung and read the lyrics. Then fill in the table below.

### ‘And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda’ by Eric Bogle

* [Video clip](Video%20clip) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WG48Ftsr3OI>
* [Lyrics](https://genius.com/Eric-bogle-and-the-band-played-waltzing-matilda-lyrics) <https://genius.com/Eric-bogle-and-the-band-played-waltzing-matilda-lyrics>

### ‘I Was Only Nineteen’ by Redgum

* [Video clip](Video%20clip) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGDhzVi1bqU>
* [Lyrics](https://genius.com/Redgum-i-was-only-19-a-walk-in-the-light-green-lyrics) <https://genius.com/Redgum-i-was-only-19-a-walk-in-the-light-green-lyrics>

|  | And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda | I Was Only Nineteen |
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| What is the song about? |  |  |
| What is the message of the song? |  |  |
| How does the title of the song relate to either the meaning or the purpose? |  |  |
| Give three examples of imagery used to convey the message of the song. |  |  |
| What is the songwriter trying to achieve with this song? |  |  |

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