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## “Strange Fruit”

*Note: You are not required to do this assignment due to the sensitive nature of the material.*

Directions: Follow the following link to view the video of Billie Holiday singing “Strange Fruit:”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4ZyuULy9zs>

Answer the questions below **in complete sentences**.

1. Listen to song with your eyes closed. **Describe what you can visualize** from simply listening to the singer’s voice, the music, the tempo, and the lyrics:

2. What is the **mood** of the song? Is the mood upbeat, somber, angry, sad, or something else? Explain your answer.

3. Why might the singer’s **purpose** have been in performing a song about such a horrifying topic?

4. Follow this link to see India.Aire sing “Strange Fruit:”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOJhewGCkg&feature=Playlist&p=00CF9CE1A290B023&playnext=1&index=10>

Compare the Billie Holiday version of the song with the version sung by India.Aire. How do the two performances *differ*? Which version has the strongest effect? Why?

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5. List another song that has made an impact on you: \_\_\_\_\_ . In a well-developed paragraph, explain the significance of the song.