

Sunday Bloody Sunday: a committed song

Analysis of the song

Answer the following questions :

1. What is the title of the album in which is released *Sunday, Bloody Sunday*?
2. When was it released? What about the conflict at this time?
3. What is the musical style?
4. What instruments are used? What do they represent?
5. In the song, does the group take side for one of the 2 camps?
6. Analysis of the verses:
 - What does Bono denounce in verse 1?
 - in verse 2 ?
 - in verse 3 ?
7. Read these 2 verses again:

<p><i>«Broken bottles under children's feet Bodies strewn across the dead end street But I won't heed the battle call It puts my back up Puts my back up against the wall</i></p>	<p><i>And the battle's just begun There's many lost, but tell me who has won The trench is dug within our hearts And mothers, children, brothers, sisters torn apart»</i></p>
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→ What poetry technique (which deals with sounds) is used? What for ?

Clue 1: read aloud and press the consonants at the start of words

Clue 2: in English, the sound of a shot says "bang"

8. Why does Bono evoke Jesus at the end of the song?
9. Why is Sunday, Bloody Sunday a committed song ? (develop, justify, use the text and the knowledge acquired on the Northern Irish conflict to justify your answer)

Analyse de la chanson

Réponds aux questions suivantes :

1. Quel est le nom de l'album dont est issu la chanson *Sunday, Bloody Sunday* ?
2. Quelle est son année de sortie ? Que dire du conflit à cette date ?
3. Quel est le style musical ?
4. Quels sont les instruments utilisés ? Que représentent-ils ?
5. Dans la chanson, le groupe prend-t-il parti pour un des 2 camps ?
6. Analyse des couplets :
 - Que dénonce Bono dans le couplet 1 ?
 - dans le couplet 2 ?
 - dans le couplet 3 ?
7. Relis ces deux couplets :

<p><i>«Broken bottles under children's feet Bodies strewn across the dead end street But I won't heed the battle call It puts my back up Puts my back up against the wall</i></p>	<p><i>And the battle's just begun There's many lost, but tell me who has won The trench is dug within our hearts And mothers, children, brothers, sisters torn apart»</i></p>
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→ Quelle technique de poésie (qui porte sur les sons) est utilisée ? Pourquoi ?

Indice 1 : lis à haute voix et appuie sur les consonnes de début de mots

Indice 2 : en anglais, le bruit d'un tir se dit « bang »

8. Pourquoi Bono évoque-t-il Jésus à la fin de la chanson ?
9. En quoi *Sunday, Bloody Sunday* est-elle une chanson engagée ? (développe, appuie-toi sur le texte et les connaissances acquises sur le conflit nord-irlandais pour justifier ta réponse)