



## The American dream

### Where is the love? Black –Eyed Peas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WpYeekQkAdc>

1- Watch and take notes of words and phrases you understand. Check whether any of your notes are connected to one of the following topics

Suggested topics: (from <http://newprairiepress.org/culproceedings/vol1/iss1/2/>)

- Big Brother government
- Terrorism in America
- War in Iraq/Afghanistan
- CIA cover-ups
- CIA intelligence tactics
- Gang violence
- Discrimination
- Hate crimes
- Police brutality
- Effects of news/media on public opinions
- Effects of television on children
- Racism/White power in America
- Homelessness
- Freedom of religion
- Freedom of speech
- Pollution
- Violence in video games

Source:

### 2- Use colours to highlight the words from the lyrics that are connected to the topics

What's wrong with the world, mama?  
 People livin' like they ain't got no mamas  
 I think the whole world addicted to the drama  
 Only attracted to things that'll bring you trauma  
 Overseas, yeah, we try to stop terrorism  
 But we still got terrorists here livin'  
 In the USA, the big CIA  
 The Bloods and The Crips and the KKK  
 But if you only have love for your own race  
 Then you only leave space to discriminate  
 And to discriminate only generates hate  
 And when you hate then  
 you're bound to get irate, yeah  
 Badness is what you demonstrate  
 And that's exactly how anger works and operates  
 Nigga, you gotta have love just to set it straight  
 Take control of your mind and meditate  
 Let your soul gravitate to the love, y'all, y'all

People killin', people dyin'  
 Children hurt and you hear them cryin'  
 Can you practice what you preach  
 And would you turn the other cheek  
 Father, Father, Father help us  
 Send us some guidance from above  
 'Cause people got me, got me questionin'  
 Where is the love ?

It just ain't the same, always unchanged  
 New days are strange, is the world insane  
 If love and peace is so strong  
 Why are there pieces of love that don't belong  
 Nations droppin' bombs

Chemical gasses fillin' lungs of little ones  
 With the ongoin' sufferin' as the youth die young  
 So ask yourself is the lovin' really gone?  
 I gotta keep my faith alive, until love is found  
 So I could ask myself really what is goin' wrong?  
 In this world that we livin' in  
 people keep on givin' in  
 Makin' wrong decisions,  
 only visions of them dividends  
 Not respectin' each other, deny thy brother  
 A war is goin' on but the reason's undercover  
 The truth is kept secret, it's swept under the rug  
 If you never know truth then you never know love

I feel the weight of the world on my shoulder  
 As I'm gettin' older, y'all, people gets colder  
 Most of us only care about money makin'  
 Selfishness got us followin' in the wrong direction  
 Wrong information always shown by the media  
 Negative images is the main criteria  
 Infecting the young minds faster than bacteria  
 Kids act like what they see in the cinema  
 Yo', whatever happened to the values of humanity  
 Whatever happened to the fairness in equality  
 Instead in spreading love we spreading animosity  
 Lack of understanding, leading lives away from  
 unity  
 That's the reason why sometimes I'm feelin' under  
 That's the reason why sometimes I'm feelin' down  
 There's no wonder why sometimes I'm feelin' under  
 Gotta keep my faith alive till love is found