

"WHEN WE SING, WE ANNOUNCE OUR EXISTENCE": BERNICE JOHNSON REAGON AND THE AMERICAN SPIRITUAL BY PATRICK SPRINKLE

SONG ANALYSIS ACTIVITY

Student Name:	
Date	_
Name of Song:	
Artist or Group:	
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Date of Release:	

1) Provide background and a brief description of the song:

2) How does this song relate to Civil Rights?



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3)	3) What Civil Rights themes appear in the lyrics?	
4)	Why do you think Bernice Johnson Reagon decided to turn the words of Ella Baker into music? What impact do you think it had?	
5)	What is one lyric that resonated with you? Why?	