PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / Picture / (Lyric)

Date 2/14/14

Title "Where is the Love?"

Author / Director / The Black Eyed Peas

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

Heard it on the radio, liked the song and liked its message

Content / CD / Summary / Precis (Say? "Plot? Setting/Situation? Key lines/phrases scenes, etc?)

This song is a reality check for everyone. It describes various situations that are bad, and asks, "Where is the love?" The song tells its listeners what is wrong with the world, and encourages them to do something to change it. It describes everything from war, greed, the media's effects on children, and crime. The video features the Black Eyed Peas running around East Los Angeles posting flyers with a question mark on them everywhere. This question mark represents the title of the song and the question it asks.

Content / CM / Meaning? / Theme(s)?

The theme of this song is change. It states that we only have one world, and it is corrupt. We are the only people who can change what the human race is doing wrong. We are responsible for our actions, and we are also responsible for the actions of others, because everyone shares one world, and we can't mess it up.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

The symbol in the song and in the video especially is the question mark. The question mark obviously represents the question "Where is the love?" but it also represents our conscience and how we need to question our actions before they occur, and how we need to question what we give our kids and what we let the media tell them.

Commentary (What do you want to say? Why like? Questions? Synthesis / Allusions-Connections / Relevance to personal experience, to literature, 20Q's? etc.)? "Poetic" Traits?

Not only is this a great song with a catchy tune and a good beat, it presents a great message that is extremely relatable. Everyone in the world can look at this song and say, "Wow, this is very true. Maybe I should do something to help begin change." The music video is great because it puts a visual to these things considered evil, and it also presents this great image of the question mark being posted all around the city. The question mark interrupts what someone is doing and forces them to question if they should continue doing it. This is something everybody wishes they had, and it encourages us to install this feature in ourselves.

Where is the Love?

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 Blood from 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 Madness is what you demonstrate And that's exactly how anger works and operates Now, 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 can 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? (Love)

Where is the love? (The love) Where is the love? (The love) Where is the love? The love, 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
So I can ask myself really what is goin' wrong
In this world that we livin' in people keep on givin'
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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 Where's the love, y'all, come on (I don't know) Where's the truth, y'all, come on (I don't know) Where's the love, y'all (come on yeah)

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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' the wrong direction Wrong information always shown by the media Negative images, it's the main criteria Infecting the young minds faster than bacteria Kids want to 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're 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 now ask yourself

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