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Chapter 15: From Flappers to World War II
Section 1: The Roaring Twenties

Labor Protest Songs

Directions: Read the two protest songs and answer the questions. You may want to write a song or poem of your own.

SOLIDARITY FOREVER

(Sung to the tune of "Battle Hymn of the Republic")

When the union's inspiration through the workers' blood shall run,
There can be no power greater anywhere beneath the sun;
Yet no force on earth is weaker than the feeble strength of one,
But the union makes us strong.

CHORUS

Solidarity forever! Solidarity forever! Solidarity forever!
But the union makes us strong!

They have taken untold millions that they never toiled to earn,
But without our brain and muscle not a single wheel could turn.
We can break their haughty power; gain our freedom when we learn
That the union makes us strong.

CHORUS

Solidarity forever! Solidarity forever! Solidarity forever!
That the union makes us strong!

In our hands is placed the power greater than their hoarded gold,
Greater than the might of armies magnified a hundred fold.
We can bring to birth a new world from the ashes of the old,
For the union makes us strong.

CHORUS

Solidarity forever! Solidarity forever! Solidarity forever!
For the union makes us strong!

THE GOOD OLD PICKET LINE

(Sung to the tune of "The Good Old Summertime")

In the good old picket line,
In the good old picket line,
The workers are from ev'ry place, from nearly ev'ry clime.
The Greeks and Poles are out so strong and the Germans all the time,
But we want to see more Irish in the good old picket line.

For "Solidarity Forever":

1. Why do the workers say there is no force on earth weaker than the strength of one?

2. Why are the companies haughty?



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3. How does the song describe the strength of the union?

For "The Good Old Picket Line":

4. Why do you think there are references to immigrant groups?

