

Social Studies, Grade 8  
Unit III: Lesson C1

Song: **Yankee Doodle**



The British troops considered the Americans to be ignorant country people. They sang "Yankee Doodle" to make fun of colonists. Americans later became proud of the song and adopted it as their own.

Analyze the words of the song. Explain how it could have been used by the British to insult Americans and how the same song could be used by the Americans to depict pride in being American.

Share the words of the song with the class and present your analysis of both uses for the song. As a class, sing the song.