Close Reading: Lyrics to "Glory" by John Legend

DIRECTIONS: Read the following passage. <u>While reading, underline, summarize, label, define, question and record</u> <u>inferences and other literary devices in the margins</u>. Then, answer the questions on the reverse side completely.

[Chorus:]

One day when the glory comes It will be ours, it will be ours One day when the war is won We will be sure, we will be sure Oh glory

Hands to the Heavens, no man, no weapon Formed against, yes glory is destined Every day women and men become legends Sins that go against our skin become blessings The movement is a rhythm to us Freedom is like religion to us Justice is juxtapositionin' us Justice for all just ain't specific enough One son died, his spirit is revisitin' us Truant livin' livin' in us, resistance is us That's why Rosa sat on the bus That's why we walk through Ferguson with our hands up When it go down we woman and man up They say, "Stay down", and we stand up Shots, we on the ground, the camera panned up King pointed to the mountain top and we ran up

[Chorus]

Now the war is not over, victory isn't won And we'll fight on to the finish, then when it's all done We'll cry glory, oh glory We'll cry glory, oh glory

Selma is now for every man, woman and child Even Jesus got his crown in front of a crowd They marched with the torch, we gon' run with it now Never look back, we done gone hundreds of miles From dark roads he rose, to become a hero Facin' the league of justice, his power was the people Enemy is lethal, a king became regal Saw the face of Jim Crow under a bald eagle The biggest weapon is to stay peaceful We sing, our music is the cuts that we bleed through Somewhere in the dream we had an epiphany Now we right the wrongs in history No one can win the war individually It takes the wisdom of the elders and young people's energy Welcome to the story we call victory Comin' of the Lord, my eyes have seen the glory

[Chorus]

When the war is done, when it's all said and done We'll cry glory, oh glory

Read all parts of the question first to make sure you are answering the questions completely!

1. Cite a piece of evidence that ALLUDES to a real life event. What is it important? (RL7.1, 7.4)

2. Cite a piece of evidence that shows TONE. Why is the singer using this tone? (RL7.1, RL7.6)

3. This song was written for a movie, but the singer said the lyrics were powerful to him. What do you think the singer's PURPOSE was to creating this song? Use RAISE format when you respond. (RL7.1, 7.4, W7.4)