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**LIVING AND LEARNING BETWEEN BOOKS  
AND BYTES  
TEACHER-LED LESSON**

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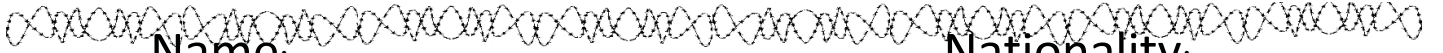
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## Over the border

They're shedding blood over the border

***<sup>1</sup> So who came first to these hills***

***Only the drums remember***

'Cause the hand of the drummer was stilled

Oh well chaos and disorder

Always rained through these hills

***<sup>2</sup> Peace will be slaughtered by anger***

***And the blood of the land will be spilled***

Over the border

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(We are going) Over the border

(Looking for freedom) Over the border

***<sup>3</sup> There is people moving over the border***

***Flowing between all the lands***

***But the hunger of war is upon us***

***Carry the little ones over the sands***

***All the seeds are dying without water***

***Instead there's blood on the soil to be chilled***

***High grows the tree of vengeance***

***And dark does his shadow on the hills***

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(We are going) Over the border

(Looking for freedom) over the border

They're shelling both sides of the border

In Amharic is there a spell

That like a prayer could be chanted

And summon Heaven out of Hell

Well Chaos and disorder

Always rained through these hills

Peace will be slaughtered by anger

Blood of the land will be spilled

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(Where are we going?) Over the border

(Looking for freedom) Over the border

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(Oh yes we're going) Over the border

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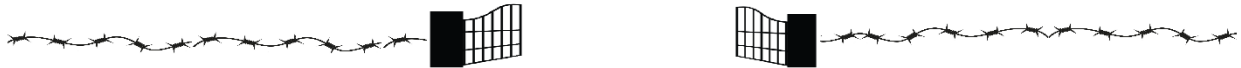
*Artists: Jimmy Cliff and Joe Strummer*



- You can use your phone to find the meaning of the words that you don't know.
- 1.- What is Amharic?
  - 2.- Read again the parts of the song that are numbered and answer the following questions for each part:
    - a) What do you think the singer wants to express?
    - b) Do you think is still happening? Could you give any examples?

## **1000 years borders video**

- 3.- After watching the video, write down what types of borders there are currently in the country of each member of the group. Does any problem exist along these borders?



## New Orders, Old Instincts

European leaders hoped they could rein in those impulses long enough to transform Europe from the top down, but the financial crisis of 2008 came when their project was only half completed. That led to the crisis in the euro, which revealed political fault lines the leadership had long denied or wished away.

The financial crisis and an accompanying outburst in Islamic terrorism also provided a threat. When people feel under threat, research shows, they seek a strong identity that will make them feel part of a powerful group.

For that, many Europeans turned to their national identity: British, French, German. But the more people embraced their national identities, the more they came to oppose the European Union, studies found — and the more they came to distrust anyone within their borders who they saw as an outsider.

European leaders, unable to square their project's ambition of transcending nationalism with this reality of rising nationalism, have tried to have it both ways.  
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This might work if refugee arrivals were the root issue. But it would not resolve the contradiction between the European Union as an experiment in overcoming nationalism versus the politics of the moment, in which publics are demanding more nationalism.

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As the euro crisis showed, even pro-union leaders could never bring themselves to fully abandon the old nationalism. They are elected by their fellow nationals, after all, so naturally put them first. Their first loyalty is to their country. When that comes into conflict with the rest of the union, as it has on the issue of refugees, it's little wonder that national self-interest wins.

*Extracted from <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/06/world/europe/europe-borders-nationalism-identity.html>*

4.- Is this situation happening in your country? How do you think this affects the EU?