

Blues Music

<p>Activity Goals</p>	<p>Learn about Blues music and its key figures through aural identification, lyric study, and compare and contrast.</p> <p>Explore & Compose Blues Music in AAB form.</p>
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<p>Materials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Access to the Internet & Computer ● Attached Worksheet ● Pencil
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<p>Definitions for this Lesson:</p>	<p>Blues: The Blues evolves from singing about earthly sorrows such as in spirituals and field hollers</p> <p>Stanza: A group of lines forming the basic recurring metrical unit in a poem; a verse</p> <p>Rhyme Scheme: the ordered pattern of rhymes at the ends of the lines of a poem or verse</p>
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Step 1

What is Blues Music?

LISTEN and WATCH this example: “Back Water Blues” by **Bessie Smith** <https://youtu.be/4gXShOJVwaM>

<p>Discussion & Reflection of “Back Water Blues” Video</p>	<p>With a Parent, Guardian or Sibling, discuss the following:</p> <p>What stood out in this song?</p> <p>What did you notice?</p> <p>How did it make you feel?</p> <p>What instruments did you hear?</p> <p>What was the tempo?</p> <p>What did the lyrics say?</p> <p>What genre of music does this song belong to?</p>
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Step 2

Jazz Poetry

LISTEN and WATCH: Langston Hughes Bio: <https://youtu.be/IBijdHs8AVM>

READ: “The Po’ Boy Blues” <https://poets.org/poem/po-boy-blues>

<p>Discussion & Reflection of “Langston Hughes Bio” Video & Poem</p>	<p>With a Parent, Guardian or Sibling, discuss the following:</p> <p>What did you notice?</p> <p>How did it make you feel?</p> <p>What was the message?</p> <p>What was the structure/form?</p>
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Step 3

Writing Blues Poem

<p>Write your own Blues Inspired Poem:</p>	<p>The Poem Must Include:</p> <p>AAB Form</p> <p>Follow the *rhyme scheme</p> <p>Themes of sadness or anger</p> <p>Complete two or more stanzas (6 lines)</p> <p><i>*The rhyme scheme must follow this pattern: The last word of line 1 & 2 or A must rhyme or be the same word. The third line or B does not have to rhyme</i></p>
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BLUES LYRICS

Blues lyrics always have two lines that are the same, and one that is different. CIRCLE the one that is different in the lyrics below.

Good morning blues, blues how do ya' do?

Good morning blues, blues how do ya' do?

We'll I'm alright this mornin' how are you?

WRITE your own Blues inspired poem!! It must be in **AAB form**, follow the ***rhyme scheme**, the words should be written around **themes of sadness or anger**, and complete **two or more stanzas**. (6 lines)

**The rhyme scheme must follow this pattern: The last word of line 1 & 2 or A must rhyme or be the same word. The third line or B does not have to rhyme*

A

A

B

A

A

B
