



Music Virtual Learning

8th Grade Choir

May 4, 2020



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Lesson: May 4

Objective/Learning Target:

Students will learn about and explore the arts community in the Kansas City area.



Warm-Up Activity 1

- 1.) Have you ever attended any musical performances in the Kansas City area other than school related concerts?
- 2.) When and where was this performance?
- 3.) Who did you see perform?
- 4.) Write a short review or summary of that performance.



Warm-Up Activity 2

- 1.) Have you ever visited any museums in the Kansas City area?
- 2.) What museum was it and what did it specialize in? (i.e. art, music, history, nature, etc.)
- 3.) What was the most interesting thing you saw in that museum? Why?



The Arts in KC

Kansas City is known the world over as "The City of Fountains", second only to Rome, Italy in number of fountains in the world. Kansas City also has a rich history in the arts. Famous artists such as Walt Disney, Charlie Parker, and Count Basie left their permanent mark on the landscape of Kansas City arts.

In this three part lesson you will be exploring some of the history of music in Kansas City, as well as the current landscape of the arts in Kansas City.





Instructions

During these lessons you will be exploring many sites that will give you insight into Kansas City's music history, including jazz, and the historic 18th and Vine district, as well as what today's music scene has to offer, such as the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts.

In lesson 1 you will research a famous musician from the KC area.

In lesson 2 you will research a current arts organization in KC (such as a museum, performing arts center, or performing company)

And in lesson 3 you will research a famous person from the KC area.



The Process

This 3 part lesson will take you through the process of creating a Google Slides presentation on the 3 topics listed in the previous slide.

Your presentation should include 8 slides. That would include 1 title page, 2 slides on each of the topics from the previous slide, and one resources or works cited slide).

In your presentation make sure you include biographical information on historical or musical figures you come across, why they are important to Kansas City history, and any other interesting information you may find. Also talk about at least one example of their music that you found to listen to.



The Process (Cont'd)

For the current arts organization make sure you give us vital information about each organization. Where is it located? What type of art or performances do they present? How is it funded? Are there any upcoming performances? What purpose does it serve?

Make sure to include images of each figure and/or building you are researching.



Part 1: Famous Musicians

Choose one of the famous musicians that have ties to KC in the list below. These links will help get you started but you can get information from other sources as well.

[Charlie Parker](#)

[Count Basie](#)

[Lester Young](#)

[Burt Bacharach](#)





What's Next

Tomorrow you will put together slides and information on various arts organizations in KC such as the Nelson-Atkins Art Museum, The Kauffman Performing Arts Center, or the Kansas City Symphony.

