

# JAZZ MUSIC

YOUR TASK FOR THIS PROJECT IS TO:

1) CHOOSE ONE JAZZ MUSICIAN THAT YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT OUT OF THE 7 PROVIDED.

2) ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

i) WHAT ARE YOUR MUSICIANS DATES? \_\_\_\_\_

ii) WHAT INSTRUMENT(S) DOES YOUR MUSICIAN  
PLAY? \_\_\_\_\_

3) ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS ON YOUR SHEET ABOUT THE MUSICIAN THAT YOU CHOSE.

4) FIND A PICTURE OF YOUR JAZZ MUSICIAN.

5) CAN YOU FIND A RECORDING OR A VIDEO OF YOUR MUSICIAN?

6) ARRANGE ALL OF YOUR INFORMATION ON POSTER BOARD AND PRESENT YOUR FINDINGS TO THE CLASS. YOUR GROUP WILL BE THE EXPERTS ON THAT MUSICIAN.

## WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

LOUIS ARMSTRONG

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

MILES DAVIS

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

CHARLIE PARKER

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

BILLIE HOLIDAY

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

ORNETTE COLEMAN

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

DUKE ELLINGTON

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

BENNY GOODMAN

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

# LOUIS ARMSTRONG

- 1) LOUIS PLAYED THE CORNET BEFORE HE LEARNED TO PLAY THE TRUMPET.  
WHAT IS A CORNET?
- 2) WHAT YEAR DID HE MAKE HIS FIRST RECORDING? WHAT WAS THE NAME OF HIS FIRST BAND?
- 3) LOUIS IS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS TRUMPET PLAYING, BUT WHAT KIND OF VOCAL MUSIC IS HE ALSO KNOWN FOR POPULARIZING?
- 4) HE BECAME THE \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE WORLD!

# **MILES DAVIS**

- 1) HOW OLD WAS MILES WHEN HE STARTED PLAYING THE TRUMPET?
- 2) WHO ARE SOME OF HIS FAVOURITE JAZZ MUSICIANS?
- 3) HOW OLD WAS HE WHEN HE HAD HIS FIRST PROFESSIONAL GIG?
- 4) WHAT KIND OF JAZZ MUSIC INSPIRED HIM TO PLAY JAZZ IN THE FIRST PLACE?
- 5) WHO IS DIZZY GILLESPIE?
- 6) WHAT BAND DID HE FORM IN 1949? WHAT IS A NONET?
- 7) LATER IN HIS CAREER HE BECAME WELL KNOWN FOR INVENTING WHAT ROCK/JAZZ STYLE? (LOOK IT UP)

## CHARLIE PARKER

- 1) WHAT KIND OF SAXOPHONE DID HE PLAY?
- 2) HOW OLD WAS HE WHEN HE JOINED HIS FIRST BAND?
- 3) HOW MANY HOURS A DAY DID HE PRACTICE?
- 4) WHAT TYPE OF JAZZ IS CHARLIE KNOWN FOR INVENTING?
- 5) HOW OLD WAS HE WHEN HE DIED?

## **BILLIE HOLIDAY**

- 1) HOW OLD WAS SHE WHEN SHE STARTED SINGING FOR PEOPLE?**
- 2) WHEN DID SHE RECORD HER FIRST RECORD?**
- 3) EVEN THOUGH SHE DID NOT HAVE A VERY PROJECTING VOICE, WHAT IS IT THAT MADE HER POPULAR?**
- 4) WHAT BANDS DID SHE TOUR WITH?**
- 5) HOW OLD WAS SHE WHEN SHE DIED?**

## ORNETTE COLEMAN

- 1) WHAT TYPE OF JAZZ MUSIC INFLUENCED HIM?
- 2) WHAT TYPE OF SAXOPHONE DID ORNETTE PLAY?
- 3) WHY DIDN'T PEOPLE LIKE HIS MUSIC?
- 4) WHAT TYPE OF JAZZ IS HE KNOWN FOR INVENTING?
- 5) WHAT OTHER INSTRUMENTS CAN HE PLAY?

## **DUKE ELLINGTON**

- 1) HOW MANY PIECES OF MUSIC HAS HE COMPOSED?**
- 2) HOW DID HE GET HIS NICKNAME?**
- 3) WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE FIRST BAND HE LED IN NEW YORK?**
- 4) WHAT OTHER KINDS OF MUSIC DID HE WRITE BESIDES JAZZ MUSIC?**
- 5) WHAT MEDAL DID HE RECEIVE FROM A US PRESIDENT?**



## **BENNY GOODMAN**

- 1) HOW MANY BROTHERS AND SISTERS DID BENNY HAVE?**
- 2) WHERE DID HE START PLAYING MUSIC? WHY?**
- 3) HOW MANY HOURS A DAY DID HE PRACTICE HIS CLARINET? WHY?**
- 4) WHO INSPIRED BENNY TO PLAY JAZZ?**
- 5) HOW OLD WAS HE WHEN HE BECAME A PROFESSIONAL MUSICIAN?**
- 6) WHAT TYPE OF JAZZ MUSIC IS BENNY MOST KNOWN FOR?**
- 7) WHAT WAS HIS NICKNAME?**

ALL OF THE QUESTIONS ARE BASED OFF [HTTP://WWW.PBSKIDS.ORG/JAZZ](http://www.pbskids.org/jazz) UNDER "JAZZ GREATS." USE THIS SITE FOR THEIR RESEARCH.

WHILE PRESENTATIONS ARE GOING ON, THE CLASS WILL BE SINGING AND LEARNING "SIR DUKE" FROM THE GRADE 4 SHARE THE MUSIC (PAGE 10)

TO SUPPLEMENT THIS UNIT:

- AN INTRODUCTORY UNIT OPENER VIDEO IS AVAILABLE ON THE VIDEOS PAGE UNDER "JAZZ"
- VIDEOS OF EACH ARTIST ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE "JAZZ" PAGE.
- USE THE BUDDY RICH POWER POINT TO INTRODUCE THEM TO SOMEONE NEW. IT IS LOCATED UNDER THE "POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS" SECTION OF THE "LESSON PLANS" PAGE. A VIDEO IS LOCATED IN THE "VIDEOS" SECTION.
- RECORDINGS OF EACH ARTIST ARE AVAILABLE ON THE "MUSIC" PAGE.
- VIDEOS OF GLENN MILLER AND COUNT BASIE ARE AVAILABLE ON THE "VIDEOS" PAGE
- A VIDEO OF "SIR DUKE" PERFORMED BY STEVIE WONDER IS AVAILABLE ON THE VIDEOS PAGE.
- THERE ARE SOME FUN ACTIVITIES THAT ARE JAZZ BASED ON THE PBSKIDS SITE THAT YOU COULD USE.
- HAVE TWO CLASSES OF JUST TRIVIA BASED ON THE QUESTIONS ABOVE.