

# Jazz Artists Project for Middle School

Activity: Students will be responsible for the following:

- Choose an artist to study. A list of artists is given below. Consider choosing a female artist.
- Research and compile information about your artist, including why your artist was important in the development of jazz. Include your presentation notes as part of your assignment.
- Make a list of all sources that you used, including URLs. Create a slide of your resources and URLs at the end of your presentation.
- Include one song you will play all or part of during your presentation. The teacher will review and download it.
- Create a PowerPoint or Google slide presentation about your artist (other format may be possible with teacher's permission)
- Include information on your artist's life, musical influences, music, and achievements.
- Include photos and graphics (and include the source)
- Present your project to the class. (10 min. max)

score	Work	Accuracy	Design / Creativity	Presentation
4	Student kept list of all sources used, including sources of graphics. Student used 5-6 sources in their research.	Spelling, sentence structure and grammar was accurate. All information was clearly presented, including why the artist was important to development of jazz.	Student work exemplifies a creative approach to presenting the data. The design and display exceeds expectations.	Student presentation was clear, concise and within the time limit. The presentation was very interesting for the class to listen to.
3	Student list of all sources used was mostly complete. Student used 3-4 sources in their research.	Few errors in Spelling, sentence structure and grammar. Most information was clearly presented.	Student work shows creativity in the way data was presented. The design and display met expectations.	Student presentation was mostly clear, concise and within the time limit. The presentation was interesting for the class to listen to.
2	Student list of sources used was somewhat complete. Student used 2-3 sources in their research.	Some errors in Spelling, sentence structure and grammar. Some information was clearly presented.	Student work shows some creativity in the way data was presented. The design and display met some of the expectations.	Student presentation was not within the time limit. Some information was missing. The presentation was somewhat interesting.
1	Student did not keep a list of sources used or Student used only 1 source in their research.	Many errors in Spelling, sentence structure and grammar. Very little information was clearly presented.	Student work shows little creativity in the way data was presented. The design and display met few of the expectations.	Student presentation lacked organization. Much required data was missing.

## Jazz Artists

Louis Armstrong  
Ella Fitzgerald  
Billie Holiday  
Django Rienhardt  
Charlie Parker

Charlie Christian  
John Coltrane  
Duke Ellington  
Nina Simone  
Josephine Baker

Ray Charles  
Thelonius Monk  
Jelly Roll Morton  
Scott Joplin  
Count Basie

Dizzy Gillespie  
John Coltrane  
Bessie Smith  
Diana Krall  
Benny Goodman

# Presentation Notes for Jazz Artists Project

Facts for Presentation:

Source

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Sources of graphics used in the presentation:

# Audience Member presentation notes

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ -

Observation:

I noticed:

I wondered:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ -

Observation:

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ -

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