

English Music Culture

Instructor: Benn Johnson

English Level: Basic

Dates: Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30

Description:

This class will help students learn about some music styles that are popular around English-speaking cultures, including some music history and music appreciation. Each class will focus on a different genre, song, or artist. We will listen to music together, study lyrics and interesting vocabulary within songs, and learn about how different kinds of music are connected.

The class is open to all levels! It is designed for beginning or intermediate level English students, but it can be enjoyed by any person who likes music.

Course Goals:

1. Exposure to and increased appreciation of music from around the world.
2. Increase English vocabulary related to music, genre, and musicians.
3. Practice pronunciation of lyrics, and gain understanding of slang and poetry.

Class Schedule:

1. Introduction to Music Vocabulary
2. Genres: Classical, Jazz, Popular Music
3. Genres and history: Blues, Rock and Roll, R&B, Hip Hop, Pop
4. Genre focus: R&B
5. Genre focus: Rock and Roll
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6. Student exploration: Students will share songs with the class and evaluate.
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9. Lyric pronunciation, slang, and poetry
10. Student choice

