

Title of Session: Learning From Lyrics

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JohnathanC: Guess I'll get started?

SherylM: Johnathan, I am Sheryl. I live in Kansas, am a teacher work with Professional Development and I have a child who is a sophomore. PLUS, I have used your website as a resource in the past. It is wonderful!

JohnathanC: Hi

JohnathanC: Thought we could start with this link...

JohnathanC: <http://www.theotherpages.org/poems/2001/harper0102.html>

JohnathanC: the "healing" power of music

BjB nods

BjB . o O (universal)

JohnathanC: Last week there were some questions about elementary level applications of lyrics and music so I had some examples

JohnathanC: Jeff what is your level again?

BjB chuckles

JohnathanC: I meant last month

DavidW: Jeff works at ALL levels

SherylM . o O (that is so true;))

JohnathanC: The Beatles lyrics are excellent for young learners

JohnathanC: Any ideas class?

JeffC: uh... my level is rock and roll.

JeffC doesn't do rap or country... or classical.

JohnathanC: Beatles are Rock

SherylM: Yes, I was thinking about "...sing for the poor and aged" made me think of "The Little Match Girl"

JohnathanC: Get Back

JeffC is pretty limited musically actually... anyhow... I support all levels. yup! I brought my kids up on the Beatles!

JohnathanC: Revolution

JohnathanC: Ok I actually stole some of these ideas from my brother's ESL activity referenced in the featured item box above

SherylM: that stanza has similar story line

SherylM: Don't worry, be Happy!

SherylM: I like Bob!

JohnathanC: Click on it read his introduction and then check out the Youtube video of Two of Us

JohnathanC: <http://www.learningfromlyrics.org/inmylife.htm>

JohnathanC: After you watch the video lets talk about lessons/activities

JohnathanC: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qI_N_5D5-f8

JohnathanC: Two of Us....themes to be explored further?

JohnathanC: did I go too fast?

BjB: two of us on a journey?

JohnathanC: write a short story.....

BjB: build a time line

SherylM: look for metaphors

JohnathanC: describe geographic features/areas we have studied

SherylM: . o O (metaphors on the mind)

JohnathanC: Who is traveling with you?

BjB : someone suggested google earth during one of the discussions last week

BjB . o O (to show where you're traveling)

SherylM : yes, a kml file

JohnathanC: What is home? house ...earth....both

JohnathanC: illustrations

JohnathanC: Switching topic....What did you think of his approach to language instruction?

SherylM : Everyone can relate to popular songs and the work of world know bands; great place to work to learn language

BjB : and friendship is a universal theme

JohnathanC: Yes, he uses the Beatles a lot because of the universal themes in their songs...love

BjB : this specific song has a lot of repetition of words which is good to reinforce language learning

JohnathanC: All you need is love

BjB . o O (sounds like brown bear, brown bear)

DavidW smiles

JohnathanC: Easily adapted to elementary students too

JohnathanC: Lets read his discussion of the next song "Change the World" scrool down

JohnathanC: scroll down and watch Ben's video, click on the word "here"

BjB : love is certainly an empowering emotion!

JohnathanC: The theme runs throughout the ESL activities

JohnathanC: Is everyone familiar with the story behind the song Tears in Heaven?

BjB : I am not

SherylM . o O (so sad)

BjB : ah yes, I am familiar with that story

JohnathanC: talk about a love song

JohnathanC: Like to redirect now to a new activity I finished last week

SherylM: I can hardly stand to hear it; sorry!

BjB listens for the new activity

JohnathanC: Can everyone open "The Kid" word document in the Files section above?

SherylM . o O (too much)

BjB :

http://tappedin.org/tappedin/do/FileAction?ROOM_ID=17933&FILE_ID=45013&state=doDownloadFile

JohnathanC: Please read the activity and the lyrics that follow...I have something very exciting to share

JohnathanC: Was everyone able to open it?

DavidW: yes

SherylM: may take a bit; my memory cache is talking back to me.

SherylM:working....

JohnathanC: I'll get started...

SherylM . o O (ok, I'll be there;)

JohnathanC: The original idea for this activity came from a comment/challenge left on the Learning From Lyrics MySpace

DavidW: what was the comment/challenge?

JohnathanC: A visitor named wiffledust left a comment back on November 24th so when I give you the Myspace link scroll down to her comment and read it.

JohnathanC: <http://www.myspace.com/learningfromlyrics>

JohnathanC: The song playing is "The Kid"

JohnathanC: The top two comments on my page dated December 17th are reports from this weekend's concert where they shared my students work!

DavidW: very cool

SherylM . o O (yes, it is)

BjB hopes John doesn't become so famous for his learning from lyrics that he doesn't have time for Tapped In!

JohnathanC: The person Maureen who has been leaving several comments is a public relations assistant to Sid Bernstein....Beatles Promoter....can't get away from them!

DavidW smiles

JohnathanC: November 26th comment by Aayse Black is wonderful

JohnathanC: Wonderful thoughts and feelings expressed in all the comments

JohnathanC: People love to leave quotes and offer advice to young people

BjB: once again you've inspired me, John!

DavidW: That's really a wonderful interaction, John

JohnathanC:and their "The Kid" poems drawings and essays were amazing!

JohnathanC: Many were hand written will have to try and get them typed and posted on the web

JohnathanC: Many

JohnathanC: Isn't "The Kid" a great song

BjB: that would be wonderful. Thanks, John.

JohnathanC: we outa time?

BjB nods sadly

JohnathanC: Thank you everyone

SherylM: Yes, this was a great session. I will friend your group on myspace and join your group. exceptional work with kids

SusanR : Thanks all

SherylM : thanks to all

JohnathanC: See you next year!

BjB : here's one for you to look at, John...

BjB : http://www.lyricsdomain.com/1/ani_difranco/willing_to_fight.html

BjB waves goodnight. Happy holidays

SherylM waves! ttfn

JohnathanC: thanks for the link bye!