

# STAR QUEST

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**Grade level:** 7

**Subject area focus:** Language Arts, Technology

## **Brief Summary:**

Students will follow a “star map” of websites to locate information about legendary stars of bluegrass. They will use the information to answer worksheet questions and write paragraphs as directed.

## **Goals and Objectives:**

- Students will use basic computer Internet skills to locate information on websites, gaining knowledge of legendary bluegrass performers.
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of writing skill by properly constructing paragraphs in response to writing prompts on worksheet. They will use a graphic organizer to record the facts for the paragraphs.

## **Summary of Lesson:**

- Assign partners
- Hand out “Star Quest” and “Map of the Stars” (attached)
- Allow 45 minutes for students to locate websites, complete the questions and write using a graphic organizer for the paragraphs.
- Bring the students together to discuss the answers they have found.
- Play music from various bluegrass artists as background while students work.

## **Evaluation & Assessment:**

- Teacher will move among students to make sure they are on task.
- Students will answer question during discussion.
- Teacher will collect and check worksheets.

## **Follow-up Activities:**

- Students will view DVD, *Discover Bluegrass* to deepen their knowledge of legendary bluegrass artists.
- Students may find additional information in *Bluegrass Music Profiles Magazine*, available in class.

## **Additional info, including national and/or state requirements or standards addressed:**

Language Arts—Informational, Technical Standards, Writing Process, Conventions & Research Standards

Technology—Technology & Information Literacy

## **Resources Used**

### Audio Resources

CD's of various artists, instrumental & vocal

### DVD Resources

IBMA *Discover Bluegrass* DVD

### Song Resources

Students will listen to "Wildwood Flower" by the Carter Family at [www.geocities.com/vienna/7059/carters](http://www.geocities.com/vienna/7059/carters)

### Internet Resources

See "Map of the Stars" (attached)

### Other Materials

"Star Quest" Worksheet

"Map of the Stars" handout

Graphic organizer

*Bluegrass Music Profiles Magazine* (info: <http://www.bluegrassmusicprofiles.com/>)

## **Lesson Plan Outline: Star Quest**

**Objectives:** Students will use the Internet to gain basic information about legendary bluegrass performers. They will demonstrate their knowledge by filling out "Star Quest" worksheet.

### **Materials Used:**

Computers with Internet access

Worksheet ("Star Quest")

List of websites ("Map of the Stars")

Copies of various graphic organizers

### **Prior Knowledge and Experiences/Curriculum Content:**

Basic knowledge of computer/Internet use

Experience using graphic organizers

### **Procedure:**

1. Assign partners & give each pair a "Map of the Stars" & "Star Quest" worksheet. Play bluegrass music as background.
2. Allow 45-50 minutes for students to locate information online and complete worksheets, using a graphic organizer to help in writing the paragraphs as assigned.
3. Move among students to assure that they stay on task.

