English Language Learning through Music and Song Lyrics: The Performance of a Lifetime



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Overview of Learning through Music and Song Lyrics

- 1. Demand of ELL is growing at an exponential rate
- 2. Student centered learning promotes success
- 3. Learning should be engaging
- 4. Careful planning in terms of language learning and content knowledge
- 5. Competitive edge



Music and Song Lyrics Provide:

- 6. Learner acquisition of critical knowledge
- 7. Learning strategies that are self-directed
- 8. Encouraging independent learning
- 9. Self-directed learning strategies
- 10. Collaboration and teamwork
- 11. Communication skills



Tools to Strengthen and Reinforce:

- Vocabulary
- Comprehension
- Listening
- Speaking
- Writing



Music and Song Increase:

- Learning and grammatical variations
- Auditory skills
- Rhythmic pattern
- Stimulate brain activity
- Encourage imagination





Supported by:

- 1. Integrating complex interactive roles
- 2. Enabling students to make contributions to society
- 3. Creating a positive environment
- 4. Action research connection between language and song

Strategies

- 1. . . . For using songs
- 2. Song parody and lyrics to strengthen ELL
- 3. In the context of musical patterns, melodies
- 4. Rhymes and creative vocabulary
- 5. Customize learning



- 6. Authentic language learning experiences
- 7. Compose their own lyrics
- 8. Multilevel approach to learning
- 9. Relevance, coverage, complexity
- 10. Set lyrics to original self-composed melodies
- 11. Creativity and ELL: taking many directions
- 12. Students' ownership for their work and contributions
- 13. Opportunities abound for linguistic development

Pedagogy Delivery System

- 1. Flexible and collaborative method
- 2. Cultural enrichment
- 3. Self-directed learning
- 4. Seamless language learning
- 5. Transformational model
- 6. Compliments traditional English acquisition methods



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- 7. Encourages motivation and feelings of accomplishment
- 8. Self-directed research, study, and team work
- 9. Revitalizes learning
- 10. ICT can be incorporated
- 11. Sparking inspiration
- 12. Brain compatible concepts of learning



Incorporation of Song

- 1. Digital Age
- 2. Music strengthens the culture of ELL
- 3. Stimulating learning platform
- 4. Change from traditional classroom routines
- 5. Tie key components of language acquisition
- 6. Outcomes cover a range of learning spectrum

Lowering the Affective Filter

- 1. Eliminate fear, anxiety or boredom
- 2. Activities appropriate for the level of the learners
- 3. Screen to block comprehensible input
- 4. Leads to positive attitude
- 5. Provides relaxing atmosphere
- 6. Language acquisition is also achieved

Incorporation of Technology

- 1. Web based and hybrid formats
- 2. Internet and electronic learning
- 3. Integrate technology and the Internet into students' lives
- 4. Social and cultural significance of technology
- 5. Activity-oriented experiences reinforcing abstract concepts with concrete experiences
- 6. Transforming technological understanding

Technology Savvy Students

- 1. Combine musical activities
- 2. Merge activities from desk top to digital world
- 3. Lyrics abound
- 4. On line musical supporting activities



Songs

- 1. Self-direction in language learning and content area skills
- 2. Develop skill areas of reading, writing, listening and speaking
- 20%-
- 3. Students' awareness of the learning styles that fit their needs
- 4. Students write their own songs and lyrics
- 5. Ability to think independently, yet work collaboratively

Lyrics to Reinforce Cognitive Learning

- 1. Integrating multiple dimensions
- 2. Complex cognitive skills
- 3. Focus on outcomes, process, and product
- 4. Blend education and entertainment
- 5. Acknowledges contributions of individual participants
- 6. Idioms and idiomatic expressions

- 7. Karaoke
- 8. Subtitles
- 9. Popular music and bands
- 10. Song parody
- 11. Freeing the speech muscles
- 12. Singer and Songwriter Jeff West-The Money Tree
- 13. Sample lesson and conclusion



"Doing easily what others find is difficult is talent; doing what is impossible for talent is genius."



~ Henri Frederic Amiel