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Room: Learning From Lyrics Group

BJB2: Welcome, everyone, to this month's Learning From Lyrics

BJB2: John, would you like to start with introductions?

JohnathanC: sure

JohnathanC: 7/8 social studies central NY

OliviaK: EC-4 Gen. Sugar Land, TX

KelliK: student teaching...kinder in Houston

EstherZ joined the room.

JessicaMye: preservice 4-8 ELA Houston, TX

MonicaBu: My name is Monica Burciaga and I am currently student teaching at an elementary school in Houston, Texas.

EstherZ: thanks

CaressaL: student teaching science 6/7

RebeccaHag: 8th grade math

BJB2: Esther, we're doing intros

ChristinaS: masters student edu NYC

JenniferB5: Student teaching 3rd Grade Cypress TX

MelissaNM: ec-4 gen Houston Texas

RoxanneDM: Student teaching Kindergarten Houston, TX

TasneemA: My name is Tasneem but I go by Taz. I am student teaching in Katy, Texas. I was in third and how am in kinder

EstherZ: My name is Esther and I am student teaching at an elementary school in spring branch, Houston, TX

YusraA: I am an EC-4 student teacher in Houston.

MonicaBu: Lot of Houstonians I see... :o)

KelliK: yup =)

MelissaGst1: 2-8 opportunity class (suspended kids) all day, all subjects

JessicaMye: you're brave

BJB2: interesting, Melissa

JohnathanC: How many were here last month?

JenniferB5: first timer

MelissaNM: first time

BJB2: Melissa, there is an Alternative/correctional ed group that you may be interested in

RoxanneDM: first time

JessicaMye: first time

OliviaK: First time

MonicaBu: First time

KelliK: I was

YusraA: This is my first time.

CaressaL: first time here

KelliK: nope sorry first time

RebeccaHag: first time

TasneemA: first time

ChristinaS: first timer, although I took the tricks and tips tour with Dianne

JohnathanC: Ok

MelissaGst1: thanks, I'll check it.

EstherZ: first time as well

BJB2: you are all in for a treat. John leads a wonderful discussion, but he makes you work!

RebeccaHag: yes

JohnathanC: Who is currently using music/lyrics in their classes...and please describe.

CaressaL: I recently used song lyrics to teach atomic structure

OliviaK: I'm in a kinder class right now - we sing about everything to help them remember. We have three songs in the morning - days of the week, weather, and months of the year

RebeccaHag: yes today I just made my class sing their vocab words

TasneemA: well, in kinder we sing EVERYDAY....days of the week, months of the year....

MelissaNM: I used music when I was in my Pre-K rotation we used it with learning rhyming, abc, days of the week and so forth

KelliK: I'm in kinder too and we also sing a lot

RoxanneDM: The children always use music to teach months of the year, days of the week, to spell color words, and now they are learning some Halloween songs

OliviaK: When I was in 2nd grade I taught them a little song about the key words in math problems

YusraA: We use music in class to have students "exercise" when they are fidgetty. They also have a song for hall manners and use songs in various subjects to learn the content.

KelliK: used it today to teach patterns

MonicaBu: Same as above. Just short chants and songs to help students remember.

TasneemA: this week we are learning about spiders so we are singing eency weency spider

CaressaL: cute

JohnathanC: Lots of elementary teachers here tonight

MonicaBu: lol. Oh you noticed.

OliviaK smiles

CaressaL: I actually used my atom song with my 7th graders, but they still had fun with it

RebeccaHag: I'm in 8th grade

JohnathanC: My approach focuses on listening and critical thinking skills, but can be adapted to younger levels

OliviaK: That sounds cool Caressa, what song did your song correspond to?

MelissaNM: great

MonicaBu: Perfect. Sounds like what we are looking for.

ChristinaS: What grades can we use this up until?

JenniferB5 smiles

CaressaL: hmmm....now that you ask, Olivia...I can't remember the words to the real song...let me think....

TasneemA: were always trying to get them to think critically....

MonicaBu: Exactly.

MelissaNM: agreed

JessicaMye: used one for Flowers for Algernon

JohnathanC: This approach is suitable up through college

JessicaMye: blanked on the name though

ChristinaS: great

JohnathanC: I have had several student teachers who have incorporated songs into their own college class presentations

MelissaNM: Wow that's interesting

MonicaBu: Yes it is.

KelliK: yes it is

TasneemA: I have actually done that, remember our protein song Kelli?

KelliK: lol I will never forget that!

JessicaMye: Gnarls Barkley "Crazy"

MonicaBu: Oh I remember that presentation!!!

RebeccaHag: I have used songs in college but I find it difficult to find songs about math

RebeccaHag: or that would work with math

JohnathanC: Should we start with 3d projects video applications or writing assignments?

EstherZ: sure

JenniferB5: sounds good

MelissaNM: either or

RoxanneDM: ok

OliviaK: 3d projects video applications

CaressaL: either

RebeccaHag: either

KelliK: either one

YusraA: writing assignments

JessicaMye: makes no difference as long as we cover both

JenniferB5: oh wait hahha writing assignments

ChristinaS: either or

JohnathanC: this group is so easy to please BJB!

BJB2 winks at John.

JohnathanC: One of my favorite activities is memorial projects

JohnathanC: Students design and build memorials for people who have made a difference

MelissaNM: ohh sounds fun

JohnathanC: events too

ChristinaS: interesting

JessicaMye: sounds neat

KelliK: that's so cool

RoxanneDM: cool

MonicaBu: That sounds like an interesting activity...

CaressaL: sounds nice

OliviaK: In shoe boxes?

JenniferB5: how?

YusraA: We tried that in my third grade classroom! They didn't quite get it....'

JohnathanC: They must prepare an oral report and also select a dedication song that is played in class

EstherZ: dead or alive I'm assuming

RebeccaHag: I like the idea of thinking of a symbol that would represent the memory

MonicaBu: I like that too.

JessicaMye: I like it

KelliK: me too

JessicaMye: could do a lesson on personal heroes too.

JohnathanC: symbols are extremely important in the memorial design

OliviaK: Great idea.

MonicaBu: I agree.

JohnathanC: should we look at some?

MelissaNM: yes

RoxanneDM: yes

CaressaL: sure

JenniferB5: ok

JessicaMye: definitely

KelliK: yes

MonicaBu: Absolutely!

LauraED: definitely

ChristinaS: ok

TasneemA: yes!

YusraA: Ok

EstherZ: lets

OliviaK: ready

JohnathanC: Click on the link and scroll down the page, take a few minutes to browse and then come back to share reactions, questions, ideas...

JohnathanC: http://www.learningfromlyrics.org/gallery.htm

RebeccaHag: I like the idea of the student really thinking about what the song is saying and how it is appropriate to their memorial

LauraED: these are so great!

YusraA: That is really neat

JenniferB5: Wow... some of these are very elaborate

OliviaK: I like the math rap song

RebeccaHag: I love the fact there are modern day songs that students can relate to

LauraED: do they choose these from a list or choose on their own?

JohnathanC: on their own

YusraA: They are a great way to learn more about important people and use pop culture to relate to them.

LauraED: impressive- what grade?

MelissaNM: Wow I think that website is awesome it has so many songs and it gives you info on their person who wrote the song

CaressaL: These are great....what grades are these?

JohnathanC: 8th grade

OliviaK: I like the one to Usher's song

OliviaK: that's so cool that they came up with that

RebeccaHag: where was the math rap song?

JessicaMye: love the Anne Frank one

OliviaK: How long does it usually take to have students come up with this?

RoxanneDM: Awesome, the Jimi Hendrix one is really cool, and Rosa parks

OliviaK: Rebecca - It's near the bottom

MonicaBu: These are amazing!

RebeccaHag: thank you

JohnathanC: start to finish 10 weeks

JessicaMye: I'll let my SBTE know. They're doing a Holocaust unit in the spring.

EstherZ: wow, these memorials are so powerful in their tributes

JohnathanC: it is amazing when we hear the songs in class

ChristinaS: they were very impressive, especially the 9 11 One

JeffC loves that Rodney Dangerfield's memorial song is "Respect"!

CaressaL: do students work on these during class time or at home?

JohnathanC: Christopher reeves... dream On

MelissaNM: I love that song

EstherZ: I'm surprised just how elaborate they are and well thought out

JohnathanC: mostly at home...parental involvement !!!!!

TasneemA: thank you

RoxanneDM: Are these songs that they come up with on their own?

MelissaNM: great idea parent would enjoy it too

JenniferB5: how do you get them motivated about the project?

ChristinaS: yes, very detailed and the ideas were very thought out

JohnathanC: I encourage them to work with their parents

JessicaMye: do they do it individually or in groups

JohnathanC: Show them the previous ones

JohnathanC: individually

JenniferB5: ahh of course

MonicaBu: I can imagine that it would motivate them.

OliviaK: How can we adapt it for the younger grades where the parents may do a little more than their fair share of the work?

JessicaMye: are you kidding? Music is an eighth graders life force.

RebeccaHag: you have to be excited about the project to get them excited about it

MonicaBu: Good question Olivia!

RebeccaHag: I would think to give the student more information and have them work in groups during class

JohnathanC: Could be a drawing that includes a key symbol and historic quote by their person

JessicaMye: maybe just do a poster with pics from magazines?

OliviaK: Thanks!

KelliK: that is a good idea

JohnathanC: Scroll below the memorials and check out some of the drawings

KelliK: those are really good!

RoxanneDM: I love John Lennon and the picture goes perfect with the song

RebeccaHag: they are detailed

JohnathanC: These were done by students in my social studies classes over the years and also by students in 10th grade Health classes

JenniferB5: I was just looking at them and my concern is that some of them have innapropriate school stuff like guns and reference to drugs...

MonicaBu: These are unbelievable...

JenniferB5: like the one for youth of the nation

ChristinaS: I can see your concern Jennifer

MelissaNM: Wow they look amazing

YusraA: I don't know a lot of those songs but I imagine they are illustrating the message of the song?

JohnathanC: 10th grade health class

MonicaBu: You don't realize how much in depth children think until you see something like this...

YusraA: It's a need way to get kids to think critically even while they are just listening to their iPod!

KelliK: that's so true

JessicaMye: wow!!!

YusraA: Do you let them choose the song?

RoxanneDM: I actually used to do things like this just for fun when I was younger

CaressaL: I know what you mean Jennifer

KelliK: and the little ones totally would be able to do this!

JohnathanC: Check out the 5th grade "complicated" essay....my daughter

TasneemA: they'd love it!

EstherZ: I agree, they can do this

ChristinaS: do you monitor as they go? Have you ever had to tell them the idea wasn't appropriate?

CaressaL: but it is a great way to actually get them thinking about the message behind the music and not just blindly singing along

JessicaMye: if they actually listen to the lyrics and think about what they mean, they might choose not to listen to that sort of thing

MonicaBu: Great essay.

EstherZ: yes, they are making connections to real life experiences

RoxanneDM: exactly, music goes beyond beats, it's much deeper

RebeccaHag: I agree

JessicaMye: Maybe compile a list of appropriate songs

YusraA: What a great writing prompt!!! Something a lot of them would actually like to write about....

OliviaK: wow. some of these pictures are just....wow

KelliK: that is great!

CaressaL: exactly Jessica

TasneemA: I agree with Olivia....these are amazing

RoxanneDM: they are

CaressaL: yes, actually get them interested in the assignment

JohnathanC: Somehow the words got lost with music videos and MTV and CD's...my goal is to reconnect students to the lyrics and to get them thinking and feeling

RebeccaHag: make it meaningful

JessicaMye: I think they put more of themselves into them

MelissaNM: I agree

RoxanneDM: agreed

MonicaBu: Great goal... it works... I can tell!

JessicaMye: instead of doing the assignment for a grade

YusraA: A lot of times music is just about the beat... you wouldn't even WANT to hear what they are actually saying!

OliviaK: I like that some of the poems have parts of the songs lyrics

MonicaBu: Students can relate to music and this allows them to bring that into the classroom and share it...

EstherZ: exactly, because music is something that kids pick up so well and always remember

YusraA: So I think it's nice to have students think about what they are hearing, with songs that have meaning...

CaressaL: I agree

MelissaNM: I think lyrics are very important. The beat just makes it better

TasneemA: it's such a good way to connect the classroom

JessicaMye: it's also one of the last memories to disappear

RoxanneDM: plus it's fun to integrate pop culture

RebeccaHag: I agree

MonicaBu: Absolutely.

YusraA: They LOVE using pop culture in the classroom!

CaressaL: something they're actually interested in!

JenniferB5: Oh yes they do!

JohnathanC: Can you think of any music videos suitable for the classroom?

RebeccaHag: most of the older videos

EstherZ: that's a tough one

RoxanneDM: Hmm...

CaressaL: hmm....

TasneemA: the videos they play on the Disney channel?

MelissaNM: I can't think of one

KelliK: for elementary...high school musical

RebeccaHag: country music

JenniferB5: Hey there Delilah!

YusraA: I don't watch music videos so personally, no, I can't.

JessicaMye: We had to watch the "Crazy" video several times

CaressaL: I don't watch enough of them myself

RoxanneDM: Yeah I can only think of Disney channel things, or maybe Jordan Sparks

OliviaK: I don't really watch music videos. I've seen the ones on Disney/Nick

OliviaK: I think those might be okay

CaressaL: but the Disney ones probably wouldn't work for 7th graders??

JessicaMye: Will Smith has clean lyrics, but I haven't seen any of the videos

RebeccaHag: country music has some good videos

JohnathanC: how about this one?

MelissaNM: Disney is good but what message are you trying to reach with it

RebeccaHag: that are clean cut

TasneemA: they are watching them at home....they come in with Hannah Montanna backpacks and camp rock binders....

JohnathanC: <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlqfpPf_EO0</u>

OliviaK: Maybe not the boys, but my cousin in 10th grade LOVES the Jonas brothers

JohnathanC: hope you have DSL...,not dial up!

JenniferB5: love it!

JenniferB5: also Jason Mraz

MonicaBu: GREAT!!!!!!

MonicaBu: The video shows so much!!!

RebeccaHag: amazing

JessicaMye dancing to it

MelissaNM: I love that song....love the lyrics as well

YusraA: Oh there are lots of social issues for discussion in the video!

JenniferB5: also by Fergie you could do like a now and then for social studies using Clumsy

RoxanneDM: Yes, very interesting, and entertaining

LauraED: there is so much going on in this video to talk about...

ChristinaS: that song is perfect

MonicaBu: What about American Soldier by Toby Keith.

JessicaMye: good one

EstherZ: reminds me of that Billy Joel song that shows history

KelliK: that is such a good song

RebeccaHag: some pink videos should social issues that are relevant to teens

CaressaL: guess I need to start watching more music videos....

KelliK: lol me too

MonicaBu: Motivates me to!!

JohnathanC: I came up with an assignment last Spring...throw down a challenge!

ChristinaS: yes Rebecca, I was just thinking "stupid girls" but the video is a little racy

OliviaK: what about green day?

JohnathanC: http://www.learningfromlyrics.org/howfar.htm

RoxanneDM: Yes there was a TLC video a while back that dealt with self esteem issues, good for older ones

JessicaMye: my kids make fun of me for being old

MelissaNM: Green day is def a good one

JessicaMye: I'm 26

MonicaBu: Beautiful would be a good one by Christina...

MonicaBu: Deals with self esteem issues and everything...

JenniferB5: WOWWWWW... that project is amazing

KelliK: that is amazing

MelissaNM: it also deals with same sex parents might have an issue with that

JenniferB5: and you tied it into SS and LA

OliviaK: I love that project

CaressaL: wow....that's an awesome project

JohnathanC: want to see their videos?

JessicaMye: love it

YusraA: Are there any examples?

JessicaMye: yes

RebeccaHag: I agree

ChristinaS: great

OliviaK: Do you think if I was ever in maybe...4th grade they would be able to do something like that?

EstherZ: I like this assignment, because the children illustrate their thoughts on the song and everyone has a unique idea

CaressaL: yes!

MonicaBu: I agree.

TasneemA: yes!

YusraA: Olivia--they could create a digital story!

RoxanneDM: you could probably do something like this with science also and environmental issues

MelissaNM: I agree

CaressaL: great idea

JohnathanC: Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the links...

TasneemA: it also gives the teacher insight as to who they are and what they think

CaressaL: I was just wondering how to tie this to science

JohnathanC: http://www.edmestoncentralschool.net/index.php?page=mr-chase

JessicaMye: my thought exactly Yusra

OliviaK: It's just hard when they only get to be at a computer once a week :(

KelliK: I love this song

JohnathanC: I made a teacher sample along with the students we learned how to use the software program together

JohnathanC: Had a lap top cart in my room for 5 weeks straight

OliviaK: wow.

YusraA: Can I share a project I had to do once in high school, Jonathan?

JohnathanC: teams of two and three worked on the projects

MonicaBu: That solves the computer issue right there...

JessicaMye: do some of the legwork for them. Create a file with songs and pics they can use so they don't have to spend so much time hunting.

CaressaL: did you use digital story or moviemaker?

MelissaNM: good idea

RoxanneDM: that sounds like a good idea

OliviaK: good idea

RebeccaHag: a digital story maker

MonicaBu: These are so powerful from the students...

TasneemA: yea, especially for the young ones

RebeccaHag: the use of still pictures into a movie

JohnathanC: Sony Vegas Video

BJB2. o O (there is also a Next Vista for Learning group that meets on the first Thursday of the month....they discuss making movies)

JuliaD: Tas - how old are your students?

BJB2. o O (also, there is a storytelling group)

JohnathanC: I love the 4th project down not counting teacher sample, the students interjected humour

TasneemA: right now, kinder

Johnatha nC: 13, 14

TasneemA : but I have a class of thinkers...

MonicaBu: I like that...;o)

ChristinaS: that always helps

JuliaD: and they can operate this program? coool!

JessicaMye: I have a similar idea as a get to know you lesson. they have to do one on an important event in their lives.

EstherZ: I like that idea, Jessica

RebeccaHag: me too

CaressaL: good idea

JenniferB5: sorry I had to finish watching one of the projects they are so good. These students really go the point!

EstherZ: I just finished watching one as well

JessicaMye: they probably already have pics at home

KelliK: yaa

MonicaBu: They are easy to get hooked on...

MelissaNM: I agree very intriguing

MonicaBu: This is an assignment I really wouldn't mind spending hours grading...

RebeccaHag: It looks like they really enjoyed doing the projects

YusraA: This is a really good video!

JessicaMye: I'm coming back later to watch the rest of them.

MelissaNM: it's def meaningful

OliviaK: They are so powerful. I wouldn't mind seeing what they came up with either

JohnathanC: Your excitement and positive feedback is awesome...how could I share your reactions with my students???

EstherZ: a good example to show that using visuals is so effective

JenniferB5: print this out

RoxanneDM: they are

CaressaL: me too!

JenniferB5: hahahah

JohnathanC: It would really motivate them

TasneemA: these are amazing.....

YusraA: We could write you emails! :)

MelissaNM: I don't mind

JessicaMye: thank you notes

ChristinaS: they should be extremely proud of themselves

JohnathanC: Other people have left comments for them...

JenniferB5: that is a better idea Yusra

TasneemA: they have done some great work...wow

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

KelliK: wow is right

YusraA: (Well we would send you the emails and you could share)

MonicaBu: I would be more than happy to email them

MelissaNM: do we leave comments on that webpage

CaressaL: leave comments on MySpace?

JohnathanC: It is a music education "Space"

YusraA: haha, I like that!

MonicaBu: Nicely put!

KelliK: that's so cool

JessicaMye: how cool is it that they can show all their friends and relatives their work

online.

RebeccaHag: yes

OliviaK: wow. what a great way to use myspace

RoxanneDM: positive way to use myspace

CaressaL: I like it!

JohnathanC: we have to model positive uses of social networking sites

MelissaNM: I agree

CaressaL: absolutely

YusraA: That is so smart!

JessicaMye: I love it

ChristinaS: that is a nice display of awesome work

KelliK: yes!

MelissaNM: just like youtube use it as a resource

RebeccaHag: did you have to get permission to post their projects on myspace?

JohnathanC: They love the comments

EstherZ: kids are going to use myspace anyway, so why not target them with educational resources

RoxanneDM: exactly

TasneemA: what a great to use myspace

KelliK: could you put it on facebook too?

EstherZ: right?

YusraA: If I had a myspace I would leave a comment!

OliviaK: if you made a group

KelliK: that is what I was thinking

OliviaK: Did the students make the artwork for the user pic on the myspace page too?

JenniferB5: do you need a special permission to access it from the school? Isn't myspace blocked?

YusraA: I would like to share another idea with music that I actually got to do in high school.

JessicaMye: can't you password protect it or something

TasneemA: good question

MelissaNM: I believe it is I have not tried

CaressaL: good point....it's blocked at my school

JohnathanC: my brother is the artist

CaressaL: (good)

JessicaMye: don't use it myself

JohnathanC: Blocked at my school ... I cut and paste the comments into word

KelliK: o ok that works

MelissaNM: maybe you could use something different like blogspot

CaressaL: ok

RoxanneDM: ok

MonicaBu: And then MOST of them will see them on myspace later...

JessicaMye: good idea

RebeccaHag: yeah or a school friendly website

YusraA: In my humanities class we had to create a soundtrack of the major events we learned about that semester. So we picked 12 events in the course of history and found songs whose lyrics matched that event,

JohnathanC: great idea!

JessicaMye: wow!

CaressaL: cool

YusraA: We had to write a paragraph on each song, why we chose it, and how it matched the event.

MonicaBu: Sounds similar to last semester that our Social Studies Methods teacher had us do...

TasneemA: I was thinking the same thing Monica

JessicaMye: good and fun assessment

JenniferB5: oh yeah!

RebeccaHag: yes

MonicaBu: She had us create a soundtrack of the semester for us in groups. It was so neat to hear everyone and their responses...

RoxanneDM: yeah I remember

KelliK: ya it was fun!

MonicaBu: Things got VERY creative!

YusraA: Wow we didn't do that! With Debby?

RoxanneDM: which goes to show how it applies to us even in college

MelissaNM: no we didn't do that either

TasneemA: no we had Tracy

MonicaBu: Tracy

YusraA: Oh no wonder:)

MonicaBu: Neat idea!

BJB2 looks at the clock on the wall. The next Learning From Lyrics will be November 18. Please come again and share how you've used what you learned today!

MelissaNM: thanks

JenniferB5: but Tracy did it too

RoxanneDM: Thanks!

YusraA: Thanks for the great ideas!

JessicaMye: it's over already

KelliK: thanks!

ChristinaS: thank you

LauraED: thanks

RebeccaHag: thank you

JohnathanC: Yes I want 2nd timers next month!!!

OliviaK: Thanks!

MonicaBu: This has been a great learning experience in my opinion. The most helpful and useful that I have been too!

JenniferB5: she gave us cds and had us choose music for a reality show type of thing

TasneemA: thank you! this was GREAT

JessicaMye tear falls

JohnathanC: Your welcome

BJB2: thanks, Johnathan. You always inspire me :-)

CaressaL: This was great...thanks for sharing your student projects!

EstherZ: thanks so much

JessicaMye : I'll be there

YusraA waves goodbye

MonicaBu: Thank you so much for your time and ideas!!!

JessicaMye: thank you so much

EstherZ: I learned so many creative ideas

KelliK: me too

CaressaL: Thanks so much Johnathan!

MelissaNM: I learned about great resources and ideas

JenniferB5: gnight everyone... thanks Johnathan!

EstherZ. o O (wishes the session were longer)

JohnathanC: bye

MonicaBu: Thanks again and have a good evening!

ChristinaS: good nite

KelliK: you all too....night