

Curriculum Lesson Titles and Descriptions

Note: The lessons in this curriculum may be taught individually or as a unit over several days. Each individual lesson is designed to be taught for at least two days. There are also links and resources that will allow teachers to extend each lesson beyond two days.

Grades 4-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9 - 12
The King of the Blues	A Life in Music	A Living Legend
Students will meet B.B. King through stories and his music. They will discuss and reflect upon the life experiences that helped make him the man that he is today.	Students will get to know the artist, B.B. King through viewing and accompanying videos of live performances. They will write their own lyrics to create an original blues song.	Students will meet B.B. King through his life experiences and his music. They will consider factors that have made him a world famous blues musician.
The Blues: A Feeling	Singing the Blues	The Blues' Influence on American Culture
Students will experience B.B. King's music through listening, performing and writing their own blues song lyrics.	Students will get to know the artist, B.B. King, through viewing and accompanying videos of live performances. They will write their own lyrics to create an original blues song.	The Blues have had a strong, lasting influence on American music and culture. The lesson views that influence through Blues and Gospel music examples, poetry and visual art.
Changing with the Times	Adapting to Change	A Gift Worth Sharing
Students will view a presentation about the collected artifacts of B.B. King's life. They will identify items from their own lives that reflect who they are.	Students will analyze the changes in music technology that parallel B.B. King's life. They will view a presentation about artifacts from his life, and identify items from their own lives that have personal meaning to them.	Students will get to know B.B. King through his biographer, a reader's theatre, his music, and a presentation about the collected artifacts of his life.