

Create a 2 page leaflet about 3 of the following Blues Musicians:

Ma Rainey
Robert Johnson
Ray Charles
John Lee Hooker
BB King
Howlin' Wolf
Etta James
Bessie Smith

See example below:

Include:

biographical info
what instrument they play
what songs they are known for
Pictures

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Ma Rainey (1886-1939)

She was a Blues singer, comedian, songwriter and theatre owner from Georgia, USA. She began performing when she was 14 years old in an opera house in Springer. In 1923 she started recording songs with Paramount Records in Chicago and she stayed with them for 5 years.

Her songs include lots of slurs and moaning sounds to emphasise the themes of her lyrics. Her voice was very powerful and early recordings weren't able to capture the strength of sound she produced.

She was often known as the Mother of the Blues.

She toured and recorded with Louis Armstrong.

Her most famous songs are:

Moonshine Blues, Bo-weevil Blues and the Bad Luck Blues.



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Chester Arthur Burnett (1910 –1976) was known as Howlin' Wolf.

He was an influential American blues singer, guitarist and harmonica player.

He had a booming voice and looming physical presence. Howlin' Wolf is commonly ranked among the leading performers in electric blues; musician and critic Cub Koda declared, "no one could match Howlin' Wolf for the singular ability to rock the house down to the foundation while simultaneously scaring its patrons out of its wits." A number of songs written or popularized by Burnett—such as "Smokestack Lightnin'", "Back Door Man", "Killing Floor" and "Spoonful"—have become blues and blues rock standards.

Robert Leroy Johnson 1911–1938

He was an American blues singer and musician. His important recordings from 1936 –37 display a combination of singing, guitar skills, and songwriting talent that have influenced later generations of musicians.

He is known as the Father of the Blues.

His well-known songs are:

Cross-road blues, Kind Hearted Woman Blues, and Last Fair Deal Gone Down.



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