

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

John Lennon

Before reading

1 Guess

How much do you know about John Lennon? Complete the table with information about him.

<p>John Lennon Nationality: _____ Name of the band he formed: _____ Other band members: _____ A famous song by the band: _____ A famous song by John Lennon: _____</p>
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While reading

2 Comprehension

Read to the section break on page 50. Circle the correct answer.

- When was John Lennon born?
 - before the Second World War
 - during the Second World War
 - after the Second World War
- Where was he born?
 - in Germany
 - in England
 - in the USA
- Who did he live with until 1944?
 - his mother
 - his parents
 - his aunt
- Who did he live with after 1944?
 - his father
 - his mother
 - his aunt

3 Comprehension and writing

Read to the section break on page 51. Answer these questions in sentences.

- What was John's first musical instrument?

- Why didn't John's teachers like him?

- Why wasn't he worried about his exam results?

- What did his mother lend him money for?

- Why was he asked to leave the Liverpool College of Art?

4 Comprehension

Read to the section break on page 52. Match the two halves of the sentences.

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| 1 John Lennon's first band was called | a Germany. |
| 2 At first, the band played | b rock and roll. |
| 3 When Paul McCartney joined the band, they started playing | c The Beatles. |
| 4 They started writing their own songs and changed their name to | d The Quarrymen. |
| 5 They first became popular in | e skiffle music. |
| 6 Their first contract was to play their music in | f Liverpool. |

5 Comprehension

Read to the end of the story. Put these events in the correct order. Write 1–8 in the spaces.

- _____ The Beatles became famous and people stopped them on the streets.
- _____ The Beatles signed a contract with Brian Epstein.
- _____ John moved to the United States.
- _____ Paul McCartney left the band.
- _____ Brian Epstein died.
- _____ John wrote his own songs about peace and love.
- _____ The Beatles signed their first contract to record their music.
- _____ John married Yoko Ono.

After reading

6 Language

Complete these sentences with words from the box.

signed	failed	spend	wrote	wore
play	lent	recorded	formed	

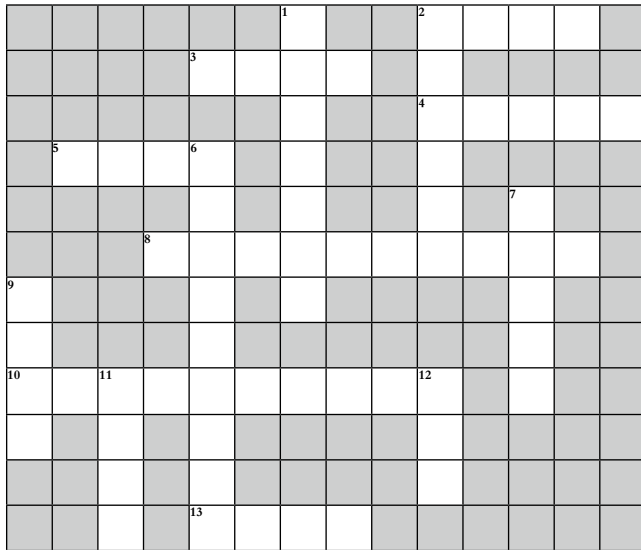
- At college, John _____ all his exams.
- He _____ 'Teddy Boy' clothes.
- His mother _____ him money to buy a guitar.
- After he bought his first guitar, he _____ a band.
- He liked to _____ time with people of his own age.
- He could _____ the piano and the guitar.
- The Beatles _____ a contract with Brian Epstein.
- They _____ their first songs at the Abbey Road Studios.
- John _____ his own songs to express his views.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

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7 Language

Read the clues and complete the crossword.



8 Research and writing

Choose one of the topics from this list:

- Ten interesting facts about John Lennon's life
- The European Peace Monument dedicated to John Lennon in Liverpool
- Ten important events in the story of The Beatles
- The man that ended John Lennon's life

Do an online search and make notes about the topic you have chosen. You can use the 'Further Research' document to find some useful resources.

Down

- 1 Epstein was The Beatles' (7)
- 2 The Beatles recorded several (6)
- 6 During the war, life in Liverpool was (9)
- 7 John dreamed about ... and love. (5)
- 9 John invited Paul McCartney to ... his band. (4)
- 11 A man ... John with his gun. (4)
- 12 Some of The Beatles' songs went to the ... of the charts. (3)

Across

- 2 When John was a child, he lived with his uncle and (4)
- 3 When his father went to New Zealand, John decided to ... in England. (4)
- 4 Some areas of Liverpool were destroyed by ... during the war. (5)
- 5 John's mother was hit by a car and she (4)
- 8 John was only ... in music and art. (10)
- 10 A banjo is a musical (10)
- 13 John's father worked on a (4)

ANSWER KEY (STUDENT ACTIVITIES)

John Lennon

1 Guess

Nationality: British
 Name of the band he formed: The Beatles
 Other band members: Paul McCartney, George Harrison, Ringo Starr
 A famous song by the band: Possible answers: 'Help!', 'Yellow Submarine', 'A Hard Day's Night'
 A famous song by John Lennon: Possible answers: 'Imagine', 'All You Need is Love'

2 Comprehension

- 1 b
- 2 b
- 3 a
- 4 c

3 Comprehension and writing

- 1 His first musical instrument was a mouth organ.
- 2 Because he wasn't a quiet boy or a good student.
- 3 Because he wasn't interested in school work. He was interested in music and art.
- 4 She lent him money to buy a guitar.
- 5 Because he failed all his exams.

4 Comprehension

- 1 d
- 2 e
- 3 b
- 4 c
- 5 f
- 6 a

5 Comprehension

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6 Language

- 1 failed
- 2 wore
- 3 lent
- 4 formed
- 5 spend
- 6 play
- 7 signed
- 8 recorded
- 9 wrote

7 Language

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8 Research and writing

Answers will vary.