

DUKE ELLINGTON



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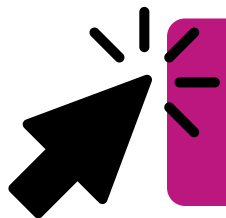
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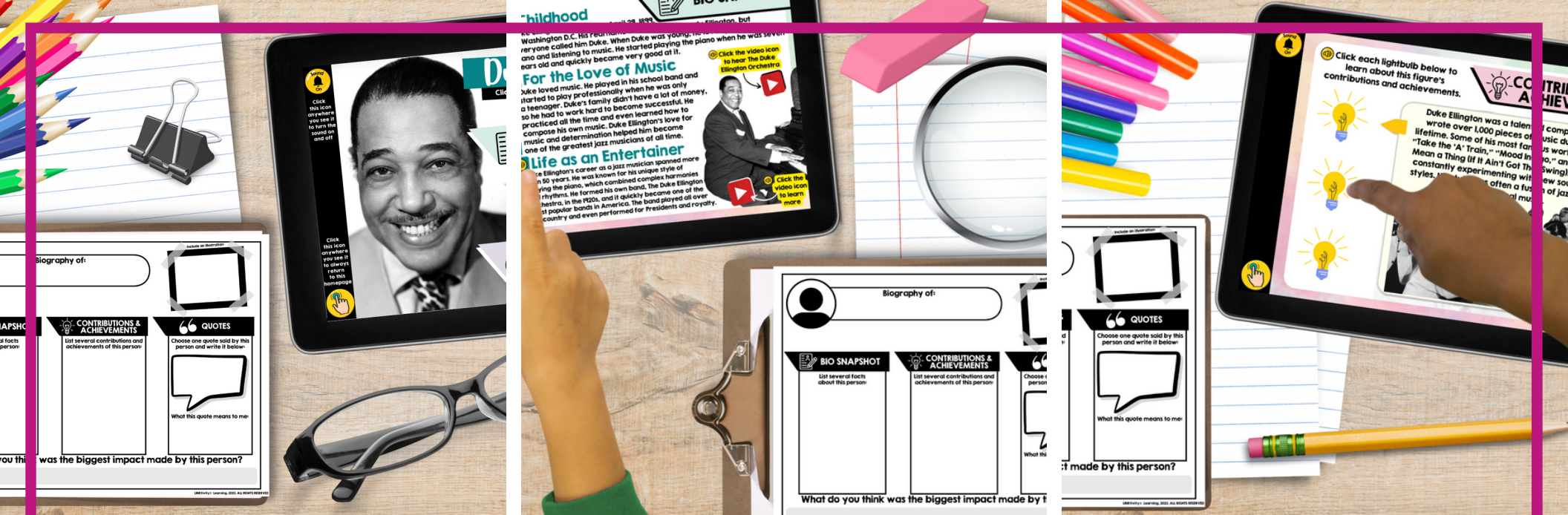
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Duke Ellington was an American jazz pianist, bandleader, and composer who is widely regarded as one of the most influential figures in jazz history. He and his band, the Duke Ellington Orchestra, were known for their sophisticated arrangements and inventive use of various musical styles, including blues, swing, and big band. In this Mini-Biography LINKtivity on Duke Ellington, students will learn about Duke's early life, his contributions to the development of jazz as an art form, and his lasting legacy.



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10 Childhood  **BIO SNAPSHOT**


Duke Ellington was born on April 29, 1899, in Washington D.C. His real name was Edward Kennedy Ellington, but everyone called him Duke. When Duke was young, he loved playing the piano and listening to music. He started playing the piano when he was seven years old and quickly became very good at it.


10 For the Love of Music


Duke loved music. He played in his school band and started to play professionally when he was only a teenager. Duke's family didn't have a lot of money, so he had to work hard to become successful. He practiced all the time and even learned how to compose his own music. Duke Ellington's love for music and determination helped him become one of the greatest jazz musicians of all time.


10 Life as an Entertainer

Duke Ellington's career as a jazz musician spanned more than 50 years. He was known for his unique style of playing the piano, which combined complex harmonies and rhythms. He formed his own band, The Duke Ellington Orchestra, in the 1920s, and it quickly became one of the most popular bands in America. The band played all over the country and even performed for Presidents and royalty.





10 Click the video icon to hear The Duke Ellington Orchestra 

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10 The wise musicians are those who play what they can master.








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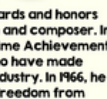
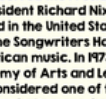
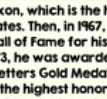



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Duke Ellington received numerous awards and honors throughout his career as a jazz musician and composer. In 1959, he was awarded the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes artists who have made significant contributions to the music industry. In 1966, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Richard Nixon, which is the highest civilian award in the United States. Then, in 1967, he was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame for his contributions to American music. In 1973, he was awarded the American Academy of Arts and Letters Gold Medal for Music, which is considered one of the highest honors in the field of music. What's more, he has also been honored with a U.S. postage stamp and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

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10 My attitude is never to be satisfied, never enough, never.

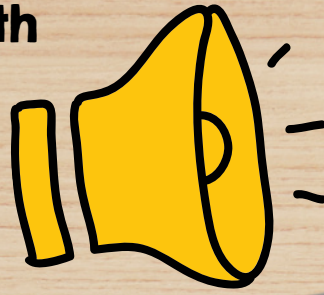







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Student & Teacher Resources

Recording Sheet for LINKtivity

Lesson Plan

LESSON

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

What is a biography?
Who is (specific person) and what makes him/her unique?



Note: This lesson plan can be used with any mini-biography LINKtivity.

Standards Covered

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Materials Needed

Biography LINKtivity®
KWL student sheet
Biography student sheet (optional)
Chart paper/markers OR SMARTboard/Whiteboard

Teacher Preparation

Preview the mini-biography(ies) that you have selected for your students. Plan for how you will share the LINKtivity with students (ex. assign link in Google Classroom, prepare QR codes, etc). Prepare a KWL chart on chart paper or SMARTboard/whiteboard. Print the KWL and biography student sheets.

Lesson Introduction (5-10 min.)

- Introduce the essential questions.
- Introduce the person(s) your students will be exploring and provide each student with a **KWL student sheet**.
- **ASK:** What do you know about this person? What do you want to know about this person?
- Have students complete the first two columns of the chart. Note: If your whole class is exploring the same person, you can complete this chart together on a SMARTboard/whiteboard. If each student is completing a different person, have them complete a KWL for their specific person.

Lesson Activity (20 mins)

Have students complete a **Biography LINKtivity**, either one assigned to them or of their own selection. While navigating the LINKtivity, students have the option to complete the **biography student sheet**.

Optional Extension Activities

- Take virtual field trips to museums, historical sites, or places related to the person's life using a tool like Google Earth.
- Have students record a podcast episode about their person.
- Host a wax museum event where students dress up and take on the persona of their chosen individual to educate others.

Lesson Conclusion (2-5 min.)

Review essential questions and have students share their responses in light of what they have learned. Have students complete the final column of their KWL chart (what I learned).

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