

# The History of The Beatles

*Grade Suitability:*

Upper Primary/Elementary 5-6, through to Junior High School 7-8

*Lesson Outcomes:*

Children learn about and experience some of the famous songs of the Beatles

*Resources:*

1) Student Worksheet

2) Presentation with embedded Youtube videos and powerpoint presentation:

<http://www.funmusiccoimages.com/sublessons/lesson4>

Password: funmusicsub1

OR use the offline powerpoint file & this direct Youtube link:

<https://www.Youtube.com/watch?v=FZSHsJjsh-Y>

*Method:*

Watch the overview video about the Beatles, complete the comprehension sheet, and then discuss the questions.

Then have the students complete the word search at the bottom of the worksheet. Note that the names of the twelve songs are not written on the worksheet, but they are all songs that were featured on the video. Therefore, you may wish to have them re-watch the video to write down the song names as they hear them.

Answers to comprehension:

(Answers are also included in the powerpoint)

The Beatles were formed in 1960, in Liverpool, England.

The classic Beatles line up was:

John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr.

All four members contributed vocals, but it was the song writing of Lennon and McCartney which was most influential.

Their appearance on the Ed Sullivan show is credited as starting the British Invasion, an influential period in rock and roll history.

Frenzied fan reactions to the Beatles was known as Beatlemania.

## Teachers Guide/Lesson Plan

### Discussion Questions

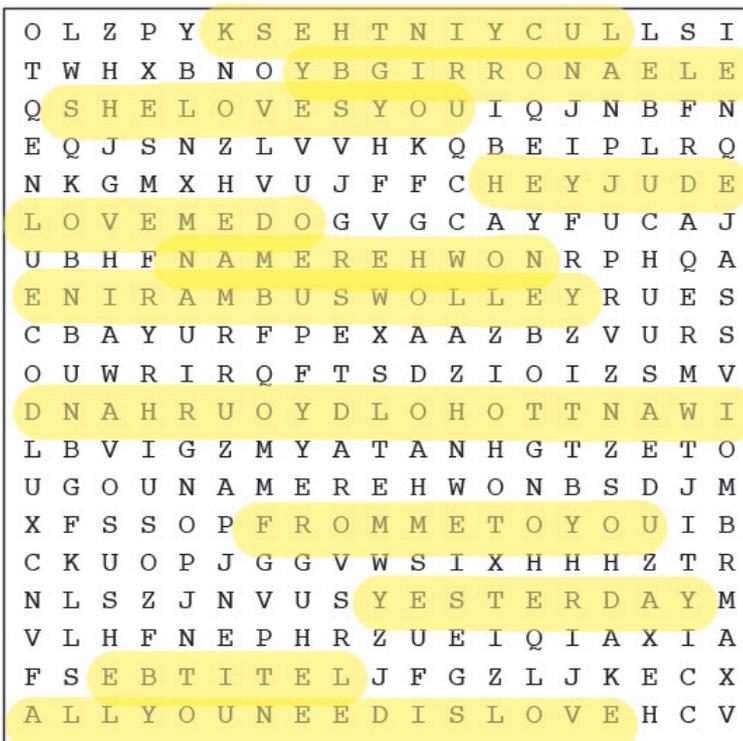
Do you think the music of the Beatles is still relevant today? Why, or why not?

*There will be many different answers to this. As always, encourage children to always have a reason for their opinion in this sort of question.*

How can you compare the reaction of fans to the Beatles in the 1960s with the reaction of fans towards their favourite artists today?

*This will be fun for the children to compare the behaviour of concert fans today. You can talk about which pop stars are big today, and how kids behave at rock concerts. How different is today from the 1960s?*

### Word Search Answers



1. Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds

2. Eleanor Rigby

3. She Loves You

4. Hey Jude

5. Love Me Do

6. Nowhere Man

7. Yellow Submarine

8. I Want to Hold Your Hand

9. From Me to You

10. Yesterday

11. Let it Be

12. All You Need Is Love

Ideas for extension:

- Rewatch the video, and make a list of Beatles albums and order them chronologically.
- Find some of the famous album artwork from the most successful Beatles albums, and have the students copy them and make their own versions. e.g. they could draw or photograph themselves being in the 'Abbey Road' or 'Sgt. Peppers' album covers.