



Lesson Ideas

- A common event that is still around today is the Elvis Look-a-like contest, where fans dress up and sing like Elvis. Hold a class contest for the best Elvis impersonation. It could involve some of his moves, lip-miming to one of his songs or even singing. Vote to determine a winner.
- Conspiracy theories over the death of Elvis still abound even today. Some of his fans do not believe that he died and there were many 'sightings' of Elvis for years after his death. Write a newspaper report or film a short television news item of a sighting of Elvis at your school or a local place. You may like to include what 'Elvis' was doing, what he was wearing and what he did to avoid being 'found-out'. Discuss as a class why you think there were so many of these conspiracy theories relating to Elvis.
- Write Elvis a fan letter telling him why you like him or his music.
- Write a list of Elvis' songs on individual pieces of paper. Take turns choosing a piece of paper and acting out the song titles in a game of charades. The class could be divided into teams and awarded points for working out the song title being acted out by their team-mate.

Listening Activity

Listen to a few songs from the Suggested Listening list and write down some adjectives that describe Elvis' voice (e.g. smooth, warm etc.) Discuss what it was about Elvis or his voice that made him so appealing.

Suggested Listening List

Heartbreak Hotel
Hound Dog
Love Me tender
Jailhouse Rock
Wooden Heart
Don't Be Cruel
Are You Lonesome Tonight?
Return to Sender
Suspicious Minds

Internet Links

<http://www.elvis.com/> The Official Elvis Presley site.
<http://www.elvispresley.com.au/> Videos, audio and biographical information

YouTube Links

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http://www.funmusicco.com/private/pmlp3_resources/