

# WHO IS BILLIE EILISH?

Est. Time: 60 minutes

Subjects: Civics, General Music

Age Range: Middle School

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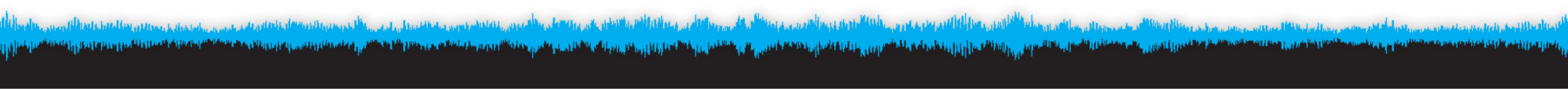
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Who is Billie Eilish?

In this lesson you will:

- Learn about Billie Eilish's artistic accomplishments
  - Listen to the music of Billie Eilish
  - Discover Billie Eilish's musical influences
  - Investigate the ways Billie Eilish addresses the climate crisis
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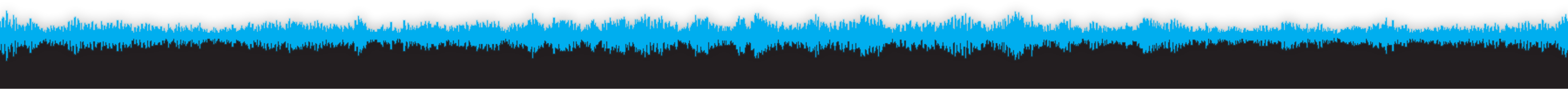
## TRACE IT BACK: BILLIE EILISH


Read about Billie Eilish's musical career and watch the brief video [here](#).





Consider or ask a friend:

- During their musical career, many artists strive to become nominated for a Grammy Award. By the age of 17, Billie Eilish was nominated for the “Big Four” Grammy Awards. What might this say about the music she creates?
  - After producing “Ocean Eyes” with her brother for a dance routine, Eilish’s music gained recognition. If this opportunity was not presented to her, do you think Eilish would have been discovered as an artist?
  - In the video, Eilish discusses growing up around music. Do you recognize any of the artists that influenced her? Do any of these musical influences surprise you? Why or why not?
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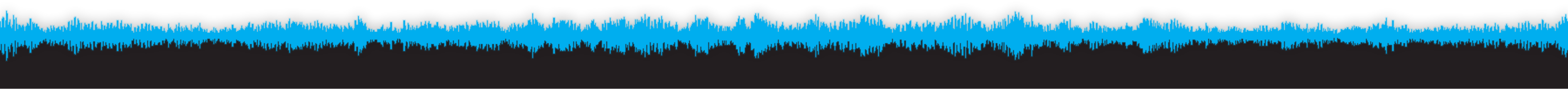
In September, Eilish teamed up with actor Woody Harrelson and posted the video entitled “Our House Is On Fire” to her YouTube account. Within 24 hours, the video earned the top spot on YouTube, currently holding almost 2 million views.

**Watch the video** and take notes on what you learn.





Consider or ask a friend:


- What is the issue Eilish and Harrelson are addressing?
  - What are some of the ways Eilish suggests saving the environment?
  - Harrelson says, “History shows us that when enough people rise up and demand change, those in power have no choice but to act.” How are some ways you can have a voice in the climate crisis?
  - How might Eilish use her music as an outlet to “Save the Environment” or speak up about the climate crisis?
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As part of her 2020 tour, Eilish announced that she will be consciously acting against global warming. She stated:

“There will be no plastic straws allowed, the fans are going to bring their own water bottles. There’s going to be recycled cans everywhere, because it’s like, if something’s recyclable - it doesn’t matter unless there’s a recycle bin.” Eilish will also be providing “Eco-Villages” at her concerts, where fans can learn more about becoming active in the fight against climate change.



# SUMMARY

- In 2020, Billie Eilish won the “Big Four” categories at the Grammy Awards, making her the first female and youngest artist to do so, and the youngest solo act to win the prestigious Album of the Year award
- Eilish credits growing up around music and many musical influences to her success
- Eilish is an advocate for addressing the climate crisis and uses her music and concerts as a platform to vocalize her concerns



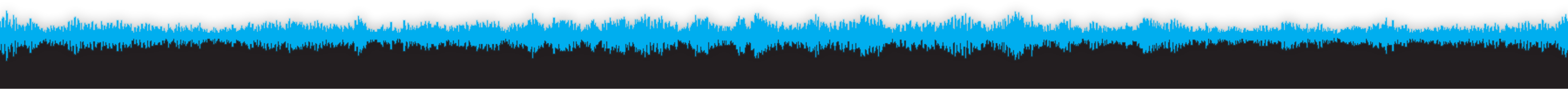


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Imagine Eilish is performing a televised concert to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, April 22, 2020. She has decided to invite her musical influences to perform with her.

Below is the list that Eilish credits as musical influences:

Justin Bieber, SBTRKT, Aurora, Avril Lavigne, The Beatles, My Chemical Romance, Daniel Caesar, Frank Sinatra, Tekno, The Killers, Marina and the Diamonds, The Cardigans, Linkin Park.

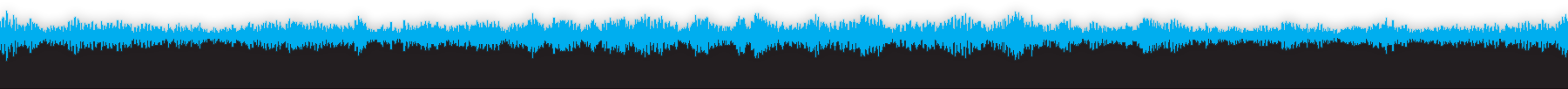




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As a co-producer of Eilish's Earth Day concert, your job is to create a set list based on Eilish's musical influences that will help inspire the crowd to advocate for addressing the climate crisis.

- Choose 4 songs based on the list of Eilish's influences. The final song, the encore, is to be a song of your choice from one of your personal influences. Use this worksheet or a scrap piece of paper to write your setlist.





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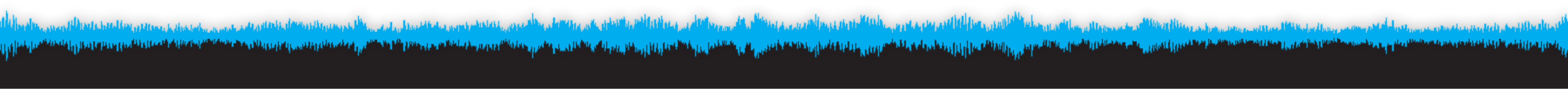
- After creating the set list, design a tee-shirt and slogan for the concert using this template.
- Finally, research environmental organizations to determine where all the proceeds from the concert should be donated
- Write and draw your ideas using **this worksheet**.





# CONNECT

Share your setlist and tee-shirt design with us! Either you or an adult in your life can share your work with TeachRock on **Instagram** or **Facebook**, email to **info@teachrock.org**, or Tweet it to **@TeachRock**







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