

# WHO IS PRINCE?



Est. Time: 90 minutes

Subjects: General Music

Age Range: High School

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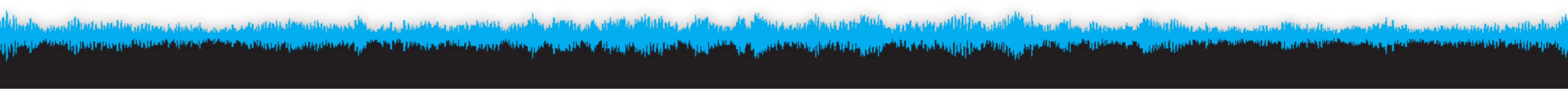
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## Who is Prince?

In this lesson you will:

- Learn about the life of Prince
  - Listen to the music of Prince
  - Learn about Prince's work across genres and instruments
  - Learn about Prince's former collaborators, The Time
  - Explore the incredible influence of producers Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis
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## INTRODUCING PRINCE

Prince was a virtuosic vocalist, played drums, piano, electric bass, and guitar. **Watch** his guitar solo as he closes out this tribute to George Harrison at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.





Go through the playlist [here](#) and listen to how Prince's music has changed over his decades-long career. To facilitate your listening, print out and answer the questions on [this handout](#).





Read or print out **this handout** to conduct an online Prince scavenger hunt.





# SUMMARY

- Prince was a multi-instrumentalist, singer, and producer
- He had 5 Number 1 Hits, 19 Top 10 Hits and a total of 47 songs on the Hot 100 Billboard Chart; he sold over 100 million records worldwide
- He was nominated for 38 Grammys, and won 7 Grammy Awards





# BE CREATIVE

In the 1990s, as a result of a dispute with his record label, Prince assumed a symbol which he used instead of his name. The guitar Prince holds in this photograph is in the shape of what became known as “the Love Symbol”.





# BE CREATIVE

After reading more about the inspiration behind the Love Symbol [here](#), design your own symbol that mixes together pre-existing symbols. [Use this website](#) to help discover different symbols.





# BE CURIOUS

The Time is sometimes described as a Prince protégé band. Prince wrote both “The Walk” and “777-9311,” which The Time performed in [this](#) live television performance from 1982.

Watch drummer Lil’ John Roberts explain the groove to “777-9311,” in [this](#) video

Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, bassist and keyboardist of The Time, would write and produce more Billboard Number One hits than any other songwriting and production team in history, and are largely credited with creating Janet Jackson’s sound. Hear them discuss their storied career and the Minneapolis roots they share with Prince [here](#).





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