

# WHO IS AMY WINEHOUSE?

Est. Time: 30-60 minutes

Subjects: General Music

Age Range: Middle & High School

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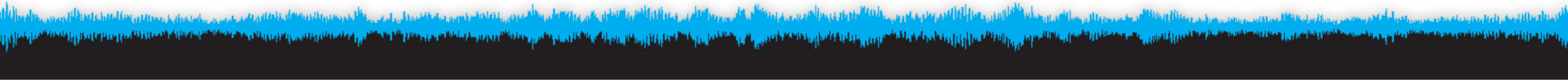


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Who is Amy Winehouse and which artists influenced her?

In this lesson you will:

- Learn about the life of Amy Winehouse
  - Listen to the music of Amy Winehouse
  - Learn about Amy Winehouse's musical influences
  - Listen to the songs of some of Amy Winehouse's musical influences
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Consider or ask a friend:

- Have you ever heard of *Amy Winehouse*? What do you know about her?
  - Are you familiar with any songs by *Amy Winehouse*? If so, which?
  - If you are familiar with *Amy Winehouse's* music, how would you describe it?
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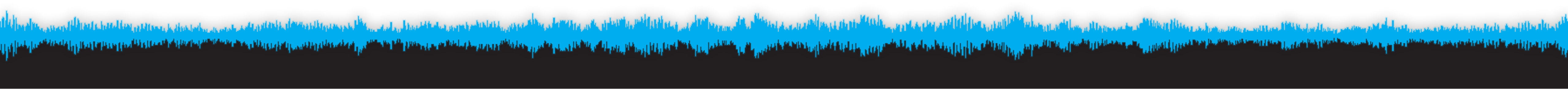


## TRACE IT BACK: AMY WINEHOUSE

**Click here** and read a brief biography on artist Amy Winehouse. Make a note or write down three things you learned about Winehouse by reading her biography.



Think about or ask a friend:

- Did anything surprise you about her life? What was it? Why did it surprise you?
  - If you were aware of Amy Winehouse before, did reading her bio change your impression of her? If so, in what way?
  - Did you recognize any of the other musicians who influenced her? Which ones?
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Though she was born in London in 1983, Amy Jade Winehouse was influenced by artists from the United States including vocalists Frank Sinatra, Dinah Washington and Ella Fitzgerald, who recorded jazz standards and selections from the American Songbook. She was also inspired by Hip hop and R&B artists like TLC and Salt-N- Pepa, who were popular in her youth.





## LOVE IS A LOSING GAME

Watch [this video](#) of Amy Winehouse singing “Love is a Losing Game” at the 2007 Mercury Prize Ceremony. What three adjectives would you use to describe her performance?



Choose one artist in each of the below two lists. Watch or listen to a live performance (not a music video) of each artist you chose. Then write or make an audio or video recording describing each performance and any ways in which you can hear or see Amy Winehouse's influences in her performance.

Frank Sinatra	Salt-N-Pepa
Dinah Washington	TLC
Ella Fitzgerald	





# SUMMARY

- Amy Winehouse was a critically recognized and influential British musical artist active from 1997-2001
- Winehouse was significantly influenced by American jazz singers Frank Sinatra, Dinah Washington, and Ella Fitzgerald, as well as Hip Hop groups Salt-N-Pepa and TLC
- Many of Winehouse's songs share characteristics with the music that influenced her



# BE CREATIVE

Make an Amy Winehouse-inspired playlist, either on a music streaming service or with a pencil and paper. Include at least one song from Amy Winehouse's albums *Frank*, *Back to Black* and *Lioness: Hidden Treasures*. Add to the playlist songs from Frank Sinatra, Dinah Washington, Ella Fitzgerald, Salt-N-Pepa, and TLC.



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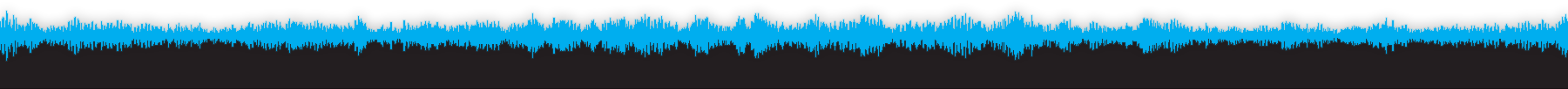
Create a podcast by yourself or with a friend that introduces new listeners to Amy Winehouse by describing your experience of exploring her work. You can try finishing the following sentences to get you started:

- When I first heard Amy Winehouse she reminded me of \_\_\_\_\_ because of the way she \_\_\_\_\_.
- I would describe (Album title here) as (musical genre here).
- Use your own words to identify the moods that you experienced or associate with Amy Winehouse's music.



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