



Hardware:

Scanner

Scan images for your banner

AlphaSmart

Keyboard

Write narratives about your favorite songs and critique web sites.

Computer

Download narratives.

Printer

Print out narratives.

Software:

Internet browser

Retrieve graphics for banner and locate artists' web sites.

PrintShop

Create a banner.

Overview:

Students will choose a favorite artist or group and do one or more of the activities listed below.

Step by Step:

Choose from the options listed below:

- Create an attractive banner depicting your chosen artist or band using PrintShop software. You can insert graphics from the PrintShop Art Gallery. You may also insert graphics that have been scanned or retrieved online. Experiment with other options offered in the software: headlines, backdrops, borders, drawing, lines, text boxes, etc.
Have a contest! Display the banners in the library and have patrons vote for their favorite. Winners get bragging rights!
- Listen to a song by your favorite group or artist and record your thoughts using the AlphaSmart Keyboard. What do the words mean to you? Of what events in your life do they make you think? Perhaps write a poem inspired by the song. Download to the computer and print out a copy. Share your narratives with the class (orally or pass around). You may want to play the songs first for the whole group to hear. Consider adding the narratives to the banners.
- Locate a web site featuring your favorite artist(s) and critique it using the guidelines stated in the lesson entitled "Evaluating Web Sites." As stated in the lesson take into consideration such factors as authority, accuracy, currency, coverage, purpose, and design. Record your critique using the AlphaSmart Keyboard. Download and print out a copy to share with your group. Also, if possible, email a message about the site to the webmaster explaining what you like and don't like about the site.

Additional Activities:

- Create a PowerPoint Presentation. Try to have at least five slides – each with a new piece of information about your performing artist or group.
- To insert a CD audio track on a PowerPoint slide:
 - In slide view, display the slide to which you want to add a CD audio track.
 - On the Insert menu, point to Movies and Sounds, and then click Play CD Audio Track.



Software:

PowerPoint

Produce a slide presentation of your favorite artist.

- Select the track and timing options you want, and then click OK. A CD icon will appear on the slide to click for music.

Review:

- What interesting fact or facts have you learned about a performing group or artist?
- What elements are important in presenting a web site?
- Have you developed a new appreciation for any performing artists?