

Missouri Musical Artist Research Worksheet

My Name Is: _____

Our Team is researching:

_____ (_____ - _____)

(Name of Our Musical Artist)

(Year of Birth – Year of Death)

1. Birth and childhood

- a. **Where was this Artist born?** (town, state) **Did this Artist grow up in a city, small town, rural community?**
- b. **What connection does this Artist have with Missouri?**
- c. **Where did he or she go to school? For how many years?**
- d. **What else is known about his or her family?** (Who were his or her parents, what kind of work did they do, any brothers and sisters?)

2. Becoming a Musician

- a. **How old was this artist when he or she started to perform music?**
- b. **How did he or she learn to play or sing? Did he or she get formal music lessons?**
- c. **What instrument(s) does he or she play?** (If a singer, list “voice”)

3. Musical Career

a. What style(s) does this artist perform in? (jazz, blues, classical, etc.)

b. What are one or two of this Artist's most famous songs? Find a sample of this Artist's musical performance to play for the class.

c. What is this artist's birth name? Does this artist have a stage name?

d. Did this Artist receive any awards? If so, what were some of them?

4. Did you learn an interesting story or "fun fact" about this Artist? (*This could make a great, attention-getting opening for your report.*)