Blues Video Project

1. Writing the Blues
   1. Choose a topic to write a blues song about.
   2. Using the form A1, A2, B, A1, A2, B, write lyrics about your topic.
2. Adding Rhythm
   1. Divide each section of the form into four parts. Each part will receive four beats using whole notes, half notes, quarter notes, eighth notes, or quarter rests.
   2. Fit the lyrics into a 4/4 twelve bar blues form.
   3. Example:

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| A1 | I | I | I | I |
| A2 | IV | IV | I | I |
| B | V | IV | I | I |

Remember, each measure gets only four beats!

1. Playing and singing.
   1. After you have written your lyrics and rhythms, work on playing steady down strokes on the beat while thinking your song in rhythm.
   2. Say your song while playing the guitar.
   3. Trying singing your song while someone else plays the guitar. Switch roles.
   4. Sing melody line that follows the rhythms written. Sing while playing guitar.
2. Video time!
   1. This can be as creative (or basic!) as you want to make it. The basic requirements are:
      1. You should be playing and singing guitar.
      2. The audience (class) should be able to clearly understand the words that are being sung.
      3. The song follows the blues form.

**\*\*\*See the rubric sheet for additional information!\*\*\***