Lesson Ideas

- Discuss the format of a variety show like the Ed Sullivan Show and watch some videos, if possible. Students can then design their own show, which doesn't necessarily have to be musical, but could include a host/emcee and some talented guests. As a variation on this idea, have student form groups and lip-sync as guests on the show. For some video examples, try this link: http://www.youtube.com/user/TheEdSullivanShow
- Create a set of interview questions to ask a British Invasion group. Each student or team should choose a group to research Conduct a mock interview with the group (in costume, if possible). This activity would also be great as part of the variety show.
- Make up a webquest and have students choose a British Invasion group to research. They can work in teams or individually. For examples of webquests go to: http://www.webquest.org/index.php
- Choose a song by one of the British Invasion bands and create a slide show to go with the song. Include pictures of the band and some important events that took place during that time. PowerPoint, Keynote, iMovie and Windows Movie Maker are easy-to-use programs for creating slideshows or videos.

Listening Activity

Choose a song by The Beatles and one by Herman's Hermits. Discuss or make a list of the similarities and differences between the two. Consider aspects such as instruments, style, voices, lyrics, and the image they project.

Suggested Listening List

Beatles - I Want to Hold Your Hand; A Hard Day's Night; All My Loving; Help; Hey Jude!; Love Me Do; She Loves You; Yellow Submarine; Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds

Animals - We Gotta Get Out of the Place; Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood

Kinks - Stop Your Sobbing; A Well Respected Man; Catch Me Now I'm Falling

Dave Clark Five - Glad All Over; Catch Us If You Can

Herman's Hermits - I'm Henry the Eighth I Am; Can't You Hear My Heartbeat;

Mrs. Brown You've Got a Lovely Daughter (1965)

The Hollies - Bus Stop; Long Cool Woman in a Black Dress

The Troggs - Wild Thing

Spencer Davis - Gimmee Some Lovin'; I'm a Man

Moody Blues - Nights in White Satin; Tuesday Afternoon

Yardbirds - Over, Under, Sideways, Down; Shapes of Things; Heart Full of Soul; For Your Love (1965)

Zombies - Time of the Season; She's Not There

Cream - I Feel Free; Sunshine of Your Love; White Room

Rolling Stones - (I Can't Get No) Satisfaction

The Who - My Generation; Who Are You? (Students may be familiar with CSI theme)

The Stray Cats - Rock This Town (Rockabilly)

Internet Links

http://www.britishinvasionbands.com/ http://oldies.about.com/od/britishinvasion/British_Invasion_Bands_and_Artists.htm

YouTube Links

You can use your own recordings or view videos and get audio links to these pieces from: http://www.funmusicco.com/private/pmlp3_resources/