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INDIE ROCK The Hunts

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Indie rock, which became popular with musicians in the 1990s, is a music genre influenced by folk music. The term was originally used to describe music produced on small or low-budget independent record labels. Indie folk crossed melodies on acoustic guitar with contemporary instrumentation. A genre of alternative rock, indie rock differentiates itself from mainstream rock by blending pop music with noise, the use of sensitive lyrics, subjects with limited appeal, a challenge with authenticity and/or a simple story about a guy or girl. Examples of indie rock groups are Nirvana, and more recently, Imagine Dragons and The Hunts.

The Hunts, a Virginia-based band comprised of seven siblings, taught themselves to play instruments like mandolin, piano, ukulele, banjo, and drums. They experimented with songwriting and composed songs which revealed their sophisticated sense of melody and undeniably dreamy innocence.

Materials

- Computer to listen to *Lifting the Sea* sung by The Hunts:
https://youtube.be/9kyHJzRO_21
- Lyrics Handout: <https://nie.newsok.com/educators/curriculum/2017-connecting-arts/>

Create a Journal Entry

Ask students to create a journal entry (200-300 words in length) describing their reaction to *Lifting the Sea* sung by The Hunts. Students may want to consider answers to the following questions to assist them with their entries:

- What emotions did you feel while listening to the music and the words?
- Was there a passage from the lyrics that stood out to you?
- Did the song remind you of a specific time in your life or make you think of someone you know?

Literary Devices

Verify student understanding of the following literary devices:

✓ Metaphor ✓ Imagery ✓ Symbolism ✓ Personification ✓ Hyperbole ✓ Irony

Using the Lyrics Handout, ask students to use different colored markers, pencils or highlighters to identify the above literary devices found within the lyrics. Conduct a classroom discussion centered around the devices found in the lyrics of this song.



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