

How to make a change 8c – inspirational texts, songs and poems

What ?

Did you know that there are several inspiring ways of making a change? One way of expressing your hopes and wishes for a better world is by singing a song. Another way is to write a poem. The most important thing is to be aware of the fact that everybody can do something. Changes will come with self awareness and the ability to reflect on your own and other people´s actions. This will be our core subject when practicing our reading and writing skills. Your listening and oral skills will also be taken into account.



Why?

Eleven skall i engelskundervisningen ges möjlighet att utveckla sin förmåga att förstå, tillägna sig innehåll och budskap i olika texter. Eleven skall också utveckla förmågan att diskutera och kommentera olika företeelser i sammanhang och områden där engelska talas. Dessutom skall eleven ges förutsättningen att utveckla den skriftliga förmågan.



How?

Lesson 1 w. 16 – John Lennon – a legend and dreamer of a better world? “Imagine” (filling in of missing words and understanding of expressions). Write down your answers to the questions from the song analysis (sheet).

Lesson 2 w. 17 – Continue the work with John Lennon – create your own questions – answer your friends questions.

Lesson 3 w. 18 + Lesson 4 w. 19 – Your own choice of a text

You will be given a text that has to do with “making a change”(in the world). You will be working in pairs. Work according to the lesson plan below. The aim of the lesson is to improve your reading skills.

Lesson 5 (Monday) w. 19 A test (text with questions), created by another pair will be the checking of reading skills.

Lesson 6 w. 19 (Thursday) Test old NP

Lesson 7 & 8 w. 20 (Monday and Thursday) Express your opinions about “The bus boycott”

Lesson 9 w. 21 (Monday) Reading about Dian Fossey, answering of questions

Lesson 10 w. 21 (Thursday)

Creative writing – “A person I admire” or “Something that matters to me”

Lesson 11 – w. 22 (Monday) Creative writing

Lesson 12 – w. 22 (Thursday) Old NP reading test



John Lennon was the leader and founding member of the Beatles. Whether as a singer, composer, musician, writer, or actor, John was a true original. Not only was he a great artist, but he was a truly fascinating man. (And yes, it has now been over 32 years since John Lennon was gunned down senselessly; my how the time has flown!)

Let's take a look at a few facts you might not have known about John Lennon:

1) He was a choir boy and a boy scout: Yes, John Lennon, the great rock 'n roll rebel and iconoclast, started his singing career as a choir boy at St. Peter's church and was a member of the 3rd Allerton Boy Scout troop.

2) He was the last Beatle to learn how to drive: John got his driver's license at the age of 24 (Feb. 15, 1965). This late attempt at driving seems to be for good reason- he was a terrible driver. He finally gave up driving after he totaled his Aston-Martin in 1969 on a trip to Scotland with his wife, Yoko Ono, his son, Julian, and Kyoko, Ono's daughter. Lennon needed 17 stitches after the accident. He and Yoko mounted the wrecked car on a pillar at their home in England. He always used a chauffeur or driver after this incident.

3) He was the only Beatle who didn't become a full-time vegetarian. George Harrison was the first Beatle vegetarian; according to most sources, he became an official vegetarian in 1965. Paul McCartney joined the "veggie" ranks a few years

later. Ringo became a vegetarian not so much for spiritual reasons, like Paul and George, but because of health problems. John had toyed with vegetarianism in the sixties, but he always ended up eating meat, one way or another.

4) He hated his own voice: Incredibly, one of the greatest singers in the history of rock music, John Lennon hated his own voice and loved to double-track his records. He would often ask the Beatles producer, George Martin, to cover the sound of his voice: “Can’t you smother it with tomato ketchup or something?”

5) He was dissatisfied with all the Beatles’ records: Dining with his former producer, George Martin, one night years after the band had split up, John revealed to Martin that he’d like to re-record every Beatles song. Completely amazed, Martin asked him, “Even ‘Strawberry fields’?” His response, “Especially ‘Strawberry Fields’”.

6) He loved to play “Monopoly”: During his Beatle days, John was a devout [Monopoly player](#). He had his own Monopoly set he’d bring with him and often played in his hotel room or on planes. He was crazy about the properties “Boardwalk” and “Park Place”. He reportedly didn’t generally care too much if he lost the game, as long as he had “Boardwalk” and “Park Place” in his possession.

7) He sometimes slept in a coffin: According to Allan Williams, an early manager for the Beatles, John liked to sleep in an old coffin. Williams had the old coffin on the premises of his coffee bar “The Jacaranda”. As a gag, John would frequently nap in it.

8) The best lyric Lennon ever wrote: A friend once asked John the best lyric he ever wrote. “That’s easy”, replied Lennon, “All you need is love”.

9) The [last photograph of John Lennon](#): In this last photo of John Lennon while he was alive, he was signing an album to the person who was to assassinate him a few hours later. John obligingly signed a copy of his latest album “Double Fantasy” on the morning of his death for his killer. Later that same day, John returned from the recording studio and was gunned down by Mark David Chapman. Morbidly, a photographer later sneaked into the morgue containing John’s body and snapped a photo of it before it was cremated. John’s body was cremated the day after his assassination. Yoko Ono has never revealed the whereabouts of the ashes or what she did with them.

