



Local Heroes: Singers and Sngwriters

Name of Artist / Band:	Sting	
Style of Music:	Rock	
Recording from:	1977	
Top Five Hits	<u>Name of Song</u>	<u>YouTube Link</u>
1.	Every Breath You Take	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMOGaugKpzs
2.	Message In A Bottle	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MbXWrmQW-
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3	Fields Of Gold	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLVq0IAzh1A
4.	Walking On The Moon	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zPwMdZOIPo8
5.	Shape Of My Heart	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dOjFcx3GJHg

Suggested Tasks

Create a fact file about this singer or band.

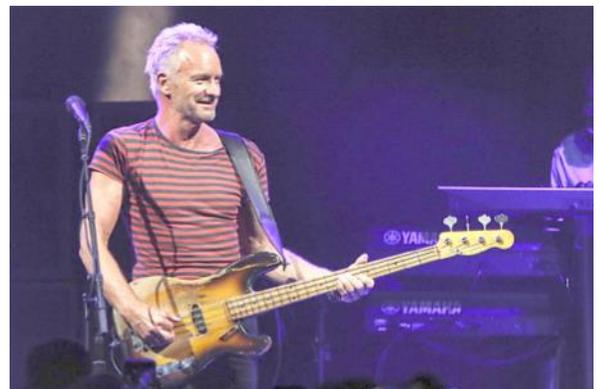
Pick one of the top five songs and answer listening questions

Complete the research task

Learn to play a song or piece by this band or artist

Useful Websites:

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sting_\(musician\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sting_(musician))
- <https://www.sting.com>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwERP8ZAI10RtZIAPsZQDDw>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuCY8MR9LcAGIXetnKx5SnQ>



Listening Task

Pick one of the “top five” songs and answer the following questions:

Name of song:

1. Name the instruments and voices you can hear:

2. Is this piece in a major (sounds happy) or minor (sounds sad) key?

3. How would you describe the mood of the music? You can talk about how the music makes you feel, or the lyrics if the piece is a song.

4. How is the piece structured? Does it have a clear beginning, middle and end? How would you describe the sections of the music? The piece might be divided into verses / choruses if it is a song, for example.

5. Describe the dynamics (the volume) and the tempo (the speed) of the music. Is it loud or quiet? Fast or slow? Do the dynamics and tempo change at all?

Local Heroes: Sting

Sting's real name is Gordon Matthew Thomas Sumner. He was born on 2nd October 1951 in Wallsend, and attended St Cuthbert's High School in Newcastle upon Tyne.

While working in other jobs, Sting played bass in various bands.

He then moved to London in 1977 and became the lead singer of the band, The Police. He has also had an enormously successful solo career and has toured extensively around the world.

He has also appeared in several films, and is also well known for his activism and support of environmental causes.

Research Questions:

1. Where was Sting born?
2. What year was Sting born?
3. What is Stings REAL name?
4. What instrument does Sting play in "The Police"?
5. How many solo albums has Sting released?
6. What was the first song Sting released as a solo artist?
7. What was the name of the first album Sting released as a solo artist?
8. What job(s) did Sting do before becoming a famous musician?
9. Where did the stage name "Sting" come from?
10. Which song by "Dire Straits" did Sting feature on in 1980?

Did you know?

In August 2013, Sting donated money to The Friends of Tynemouth Outdoor Pool to regenerate the 1920s lido at the southern end of Longsands Beach in Tynemouth, northeast England, a few miles from where he was born.