Core Skills Analysis

Technology and Media Literacy

- Gained insight into using a digital music streaming platform and navigating its interface.
- Understood concepts of digital music access, playlists, and possibly music discovery.
- Learned about how modern streaming services change the way audiences access and consume music.
- Appreciated the role of algorithms or curated playlists in shaping listening choices.

Music Appreciation

- Developed an awareness of different music genres and artists available on a global platform.
- Experienced the interactive element of digital music consumption by selecting or organizing music.
- Potentially enhanced listening skills by focusing on songs and their elements (lyrics, rhythm, melody).
- Cultivated personal music taste through exploration of music on the platform.

Tips

To deepen understanding of digital music platforms like Spotify, encourage the student to explore how different playlists are created—such as user-curated versus algorithm-generated lists. Discuss the impact of streaming technology on the music industry, artists' incomes, and listener habits. Extend learning by having the student create themed playlists for different moods or events, integrating descriptive writing about their selections. Another idea is to explore the cultural origins of diverse music genres found on the platform, perhaps even trying to create or remix simple music pieces using free digital tools to understand music production basics.

Book Recommendations

- [This Is Your Brain on Music](#) by Daniel J. Levitin: Explores the neuroscience behind how we perceive and enjoy music, suitable for young teens interested in the science of sound.
- [The Music Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained](#) by DK: A visually rich guide that introduces music concepts, history, and theory in an engaging and accessible way for middle schoolers.
- [How Music Works](#) by David Byrne: A fascinating look at music production, the music business, and how music resonates culturally, ideal for curious young music lovers.

Learning Standards

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.7.7 - Analyze various multimedia elements to understand a topic.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.7.2 - Write informative texts to examine and convey ideas clearly.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.7.1 - Engage in discussions and present information clearly.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.7.3 - Analyze relationships and interactions between individuals, events, or ideas in a text or multimedia.

Try This Next

- Create a personal playlist and write a short explanation for why each song was chosen.
- Research and compare how different streaming services recommend music; create a quiz on features.
- Design a poster showing the flow of how music reaches listeners via streaming platforms.