

Abridged Unit Plan

The Abridged Unit Plan is designed for teachers who have limited time with students and cannot teach the full ten-lesson unit. The five lessons are cumulative, featuring select activities from each lesson and culminating to the final project where students write a polished set of lyrics. Further adjustments may need to be made depending on the length and frequency of the class.

| DAY | TITLE & LESSON PLAN | LESSON | ASSESSMENTS & HANDOUTS |
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| Day 1 | What is Songwriting / Parts of a Song | | |
| | 1. Introduction to Words & Music | Lesson 1 | |
| | 2. Songwriting Pre-Assessment | Lesson 1 | "Try a Song" Worksheet (Pre-Assessment)* |
| | 3. Brainstorm | Lesson 1 | |
| | 4. Group Discussion | Lesson 1 | |
| | 5. Activity #1 and 2 | Lesson 2 | "Somebody's Daughter" Student Lyric Sheet |
| | 6. Homework (from Activity #3) | Lesson 2 | Song Outline Worksheet |
| Day 2 | Title and Hook / Subject and Theme | | |
| | 1. Free Write** | Lesson 3 | |
| | 2. Discuss Homework | Lesson 3 | |
| | 3. Brainstorm | Lesson 3 | |
| | 4. Activity #1, 2 and 3 | Lesson 3 | "Country Girl" Lyric Sheet |
| | 5. Activity #1 and 2 | Lesson 4 | "On the Road Again" Worksheet |
| | 6. Homework | Lesson 4 | Writing Titles and Hooks Worksheet |
| Day 3 | Rhythm and Syllables / Rhyme | | |
| | 1. Free Write | Lesson 6 | |
| | 2. Discuss Homework | Lesson 6 | |
| | 3. Brainstorm | Lesson 6 | |
| | 4. Activity #1, 2 and 3 | Lesson 6 | Rhyming Worksheet |
| | 5. Activity #1 and 2 | Lesson 5 | |
| | 6. Homework | Lesson 6 | |
| Day 4 | Creating Strong Images | | |
| | 1. Free Write | Lesson 7 | |
| | 2. Discuss Homework | Lesson 7 | |
| | 3. Brainstorm | Lesson 7 | |
| | 4. Activity #1–6 | Lesson 7 | "Coat of Many Colors" Lyric Sheet, Images from Memory Worksheet |
| | 5. Homework | Lesson 7 | |
| Day 5 | Focused Lyric Writing Day / Revision | | |
| | 1. Free Write | Lesson 8 | |
| | 2. Discuss | Lesson 8 | |
| | 3. Brainstorm | Lesson 8 | |
| | 4. Lesson #1–4 | Lesson 8 | Songwriting Checklist Worksheet, Songwriting Outline Worksheet |
| | 5. Activity #3 and 5 | Lesson 9 | |
| | 6. Submitting Lyrics | Lesson 9 | Final Song Lyrics (Final Assessment)* |
| | 7. Evaluating the Program | Lesson 9 | * See Lesson 10 for more details |

* See Pre-Unit Assessment Rubric and Final Lyric Assessment Rubric in Supplemental Materials (p.71–72)

**See Free Write instructions and Teacher Tip in Lesson 2 (p.12)