

WORKSHEET

“Hound Dog”

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Listen to “Hound Dog” by Willie Mae “Big Mama” Thornton. Read along using the lyrics below.
2. Discuss the following questions in small groups, then discuss as a class:
 - What are the differences and similarities between “Hound Dog” and “Everyday I Have the Blues”?
 - What elements of traditional blues songs are found in “Hound Dog”?

“Hound Dog”

Jerry Leiber / Mike Stoller

You ain't nothin' but a hound dog, been snoopin' 'round my door
 You ain't nothin' but a hound dog, been snoopin' 'round my door
 You can wag your tail but I ain't gonna feed you no more

You told me you was high-class, but I could see through that
 Yes, you told me you was high-class, but I could see through that
 And daddy, I know you ain't no real cool cat

You ain't nothin' but a hound dog, been snoopin' 'round my door
 You just an old hound dog, been snoopin' 'round my door
 You can wag your tail but I ain't gonna feed you no more

You made me feel so blue, you made me weep and moan
 You made me feel so blue, well you made me weep and moan
 'Cause you ain't looking for a woman all you lookin' is for a home

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NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!

Fill in the blanks to write your own blues lyrics using the prompt below.

A. I woke up this morning, and _____
 (State the problem/what happened)

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 (Repeat the line above)

B. _____
 (State the solution or consequence, and rhyme with Line A)