**Frankie Valli: A Legend in Music**

**Grade Level: 9-12**

**Time:** ~20 minutes
**Objective:** Evaluate the cultural impact of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons and the role of music in shaping social identity.

**NJSLS Alignment:**

* **English Language Arts:** RL.9-12.3 (Analyze how specific details develop characters and events)
* **Music:** 1.3.12.D.3 (Evaluate the relationship between music and society)

**Instructions for Students**

**Step 1: The Four Seasons and Their Legacy (5 min)**

Frankie Valli, as part of **The Four Seasons**, revolutionized the pop music scene in the 1960s with their **unique sound** and **incredible vocal range**. Songs like *Big Girls Don’t Cry* and *Sherry* became **anthemic** tracks that defined a generation. Their influence is seen in **musical genres** even today, from pop to rock to Broadway musicals like *Jersey Boys*, which was based on their story.

📌 **Key Fact:**
The Four Seasons’ music helped define **pop culture** in the 1960s and has since remained a **cultural touchstone**.

✏️ **Quick Question:**
What makes **Frankie Valli’s music** and **The Four Seasons** stand the test of time? Write 4-5 sentences analyzing their lasting influence on music.

**Step 2: Music and Culture (10 min)**

**Your Challenge:**

* Music like that of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons didn’t just entertain; it also helped shape cultural identities. Their music told stories and reflected the experiences of the people who listened to it.
* Write a **2-paragraph essay** analyzing the relationship between **music** and **cultural identity**. Consider how certain genres or songs speak to a generation and influence **values, beliefs, and actions**.

💡 **Think About:**

* How can **music** define the **values** of a particular group of people?
* How does **Frankie Valli’s music** still speak to audiences today?

**Step 3: Be Inspired! (5 min)**

Frankie Valli once said:

*“If you’re going to do something, give it your best shot. Don’t hold back.”*

✏️ **Write long about:**
What is one **goal** you have in your life? How can you make sure you are **putting in your best effort** to achieve it?

📢 **For more inspiration and to see the legacy of Frankie Valli, visit the New Jersey Hall of Fame at American Dream!**