# 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**.

## Nuick 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**.

**Fink 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."

#### Nrite 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!