



## TEACHER RESOURCES

# CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE THE BEATLES: THE WHITE ALBUM



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## CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE

Classic Albums Live covers classic rock albums in their entirety, note-for-note and front to back. The musicians go to great lengths to faithfully recreate every sound on the original album.

## THE BEATLES

The White Album is the Beatles' best selling album at 19-times platinum. Released in 1968, it is also the ninth best selling album of all time. During the recording of the album, each band member began to show their differences. All of these differences caused tension, and drummer Ringo Starr even quit the band for a short time (one week, to be exact). Although every single song on the album is extremely different, they all fit together to form one of the greatest and most influential albums of all time. The White Album includes such classics as "While My Guitar Gently Weeps", "Blackbird", and "Dear Prudence", to name but a few.

*"I wasn't interested in following up Sgt. Pepper and I don't know whether the others were or not, but I know that what I was going for was to forget about Sgt Pepper. You know that was Sgt. Pepper and that's alright, fine, it's over... and just get back to basic music."* – John Lennon





## DID YOU KNOW?

**AS TEENAGERS, MCCARTNEY AND HARRISON HAD LEARNT J.S. BACH'S BOUREE IN E AS A "SHOW-OFF PIECE", AND PAUL LATER MODIFIED THE PIECE AGAIN AS THE INSPIRATION FOR BLACKBIRD.**



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ◆ *The White Album* is the Beatles' only double album. In an era when artists are releasing more singles than ever, are 'double albums' relevant anymore?
- ◆ There was famously a lot of tension within The Beatles during the making of *The White Album*. Is this a good or bad thing for a band in the studio?
- ◆ Many artists have covered Beatles songs over the years. Can you name a few?
- ◆ What are some of your favourite songs by The Beatles?



## FURTHER RESOURCES

### OFFICIAL WEBSITE:

[www.thebeatles.com](http://www.thebeatles.com)

### THE WHITE ALBUM PROJECT:

[www.thewhitealbumproject.com](http://www.thewhitealbumproject.com)

### TO LEARN

About The White Album: <https://www.thebeatles.com/beatles-0>

### TO LISTEN

The Beatles (*The White Album*): ([Spotify](#))

### TO WATCH

The Making of The Beatles (*The White Album*): ([YouTube](#))

## SHARE THE MUSIC:

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