

Elvis Presley



- Go to your public, school, and classroom libraries and check your home for any books about Elvis Presley. Collect all the different materials you can on this topic and bring them to school. Read and research all you can on Elvis. Keep a bibliography on all the books you read and record them on your "Elvis Presley" chart. You will also want to interview fans, listen to his music, and watch videos. Make sure to find out:
 - Why Elvis is called the "King of Rock and Roll"
 - Where Elvis grew up
 - Who the important people in his life were
 - What movies Elvis acted in
- Take your information and write your own children's biography about Elvis. You might want to look at some good children's biographies to help you get started.
- Make a timeline of all the important events in the life of Elvis. You might want to make your timeline in shapes or in a song or some other creative form. Talk with your teacher to get some ideas.
- One of the most popular artifacts of the Elvis era are portraits on velvet. Work with the art teacher to create your own original velvet painting.
- Write to Graceland and the Memphis Chamber of Commerce to ask for information about Elvis, maps and schedules of special events. You might also ask if they have catalogues of the souvenirs for sale.
- Rent several Elvis movies to watch. Pick two and create movie posters for each to get people excited about seeing the movies. Look at some current movie posters at the theater to get some ideas. Carefully plan your space and choose appropriate materials.

- Make a set of Elvis paper dolls. Look through books to get ideas of many different kinds of clothes he wore. Make the clothes as detailed as possible. Put your paper doll set together in a nice box and label it carefully. Include a list of the contents and what the different clothes represent. Consider having an old and young Elvis.

- Learn several Elvis songs and practice performing these songs. Find things to create an Elvis costume. Make sure to practice curling your lip and dancing like Elvis. Now you are ready! Perform your own Elvis concert. Be sure to videotape this historic event!

