Activity Summary
Students watch the video and research a band/musician online.

Associated Video
“Finding new Music”
thelyricsproject.org/package/black-alley

Lesson Plan
1. Print the second page or third of this activity for all students.
2. Visit thelyricsproject.org/package/black-alley and watch the video “Finding New Music”
3. After watching the video, tell your students they will research a musician/band.
4. Give your students time to research using the internet.
5. Students can give a brief presentation on the artist of their choice or discuss their artists in small groups.

Online Tip
This activity can be easily replicated online. Students will use the internet to research a musician/band. They can share the artist they chose using a platform like Padlet, they can create a video discussing the artist they chose, or they can create an online presentation with their voice recorded discussing the artist.

Activity One
Activity Two
Activity 1

Choose one of the musicians/bands that has inspired Kasey (Tina Turner, Prince, N.E.R.D., Backyard Band, Rare Essence, Chuck Brown). Choose one of the artists’ songs and answer the following questions:

Name of artist: ___________________________________________________________
Name of song: ___________________________________________________________

1. Do you hear any similarities between the musician/band and Black Alley? Please, explain.
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2. What genre is the song? (You may need to do some research online to answer this.)
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3. Do you like the song? Why or why not?
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4. Would you recommend this musician/band to a friend? Why or why not?
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Activity 2

Research your favorite band or musician that sings in English. What music inspires them? Choose a song from one of the musicians who inspires them and answer the following questions.

Name of your favorite artist: ________________________________________________________

Name of musician/band that inspires them: ____________________________________________
Name of one of their songs song: ____________________________________________________

1. Do you hear any similarities between the musician/band and your favorite band?
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2. What genre is the song?
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3. Do you like the song? Why or why not?
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4. Would you recommend this band to a friend? Why or why not?
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