

Series F, 3rd Qtr, Week 30: Your Art Class Plays a Juke Box

The Columbia Company in the 1890's came up with the first nickelodeon type music player. The Automated Musical Instrument Company known as AMI created the first patented record changing system in 1927. Music is available to us on many digital systems today, however records playing on a juke box have a certain charm that many people still enjoy. The term juke box came about in 1940. A juke joint was a rowdy bar the automated record changing machine inside became known as a juke box. In 1953 Justus P Seeburg created a juke box that could play 100 songs. The Seeburg M100C is the juke box featured in the long running TV Series, Happy Days. Your Art Class can come up with tunes to play on your juke box.

Download one of the black and white drawings and print on to cardstock. Complete with color, using dark and light tones of colors. Don't forget to add your favorite songs to your juke box.

Music Suggestion: Teresa Brewer sang the popular song "Put Another Nickle In." According some experts, one of the most popular juke box songs was "Ballin' the Jack" with Judy Garland and Danny Kaye" and then "Breaking up is Hard to do" by Neil Sedaka. Another popular song is "On the Radio" by Donna Summers. The Kinks have a song titled "Juke Box Music." Alan Jackson sings "Don't Rock the Juke Box."

Enrichment: Skateboarding and graffiti art led Shepard Fairey into the art world he has done several works featuring the juke box: "Jonesy's Juke Box," "Jonesy's Juke Box KROQ," and "Juke Box" are a few to enjoy and study. Search for the "Happy Days" scene with the juke box at Arnold's. Also search for the juke box scene in "Grease." Burton Morris did a painting titled "Juke Box."

Aspect of Art: Tone: An artist's tool which refers to light and dark shades.













