

National Blues Museum

The National Blues Museum tour will take you on a timeline history of the Blues discussing its origins in Africa and its influence on modern music today. You will leave this tour knowing more about famous Blues musicians, such as B.B. King, Muddy Waters, Bessie Smith, Ma Rainey, and many more! You will also expand your knowledge of Blues music genres and how the Great Migration and Highway 61 influenced the different styles, artists, and cultural hubs where Blues music thrived.

After the tour, you will join a workshop where you have the opportunity to learn ways to incorporate the history of the Blues into your classroom using lessons built on social studies and history, literature, music, and interpretation. Throughout this workshop, we will provide examples and resources to cover topics like Oral Traditions and the Blues, Blues as African American History, and Music Moved the Movement: Blues through Oppression and Protest. National Blues Museum will provide you with handouts of resources for readings, primary sources, music, and film to incorporate these lessons into your classrooms.