

Social and Cultural Attitudes towards LGBTQ+ in Britain from the 1950s

Worksheet 2: LGBTQ+ Representation in Music (1950s–2020s)

Section 1: Recording Key Information

1. How were LGBTQ+ themes hidden in music in the 1950s and 1960s?
2. Which artists in the 1970s and 1980s used fashion and performance to challenge gender norms?
3. How did the HIV/AIDS crisis impact LGBTQ+ musicians in the 1980s?
4. How did openly LGBTQ+ artists gain mainstream success in the 1990s and 2000s?
5. What major shifts occurred in LGBTQ+ music representation in the 2010s and 2020s?



Section 2: Demonstrating Understanding 💡

6. Why do you think some LGBTQ+ artists in the past had to hide their identities?
7. How do you think music has helped LGBTQ+ people feel represented?
8. Do you think modern music is more open and accepting of LGBTQ+ artists? Why or why not?