

LEO FENDER, HIS GUITARS, AND HIS WORKSPACE

Est. Time: 45-60 minutes

Subjects: Art, History, Music, Social Studies

Age Range: Elementary & Middle School


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Who is Leo Fender, what instruments did he invent, and how did his workspace represent his experimentation and creativity?

In this lesson you will:

- Identify the inventor Leo Fender
 - Compare and contrast guitars that Leo Fender invented
 - Explore Leo Fender's workspace
 - Illustrate your own workspace
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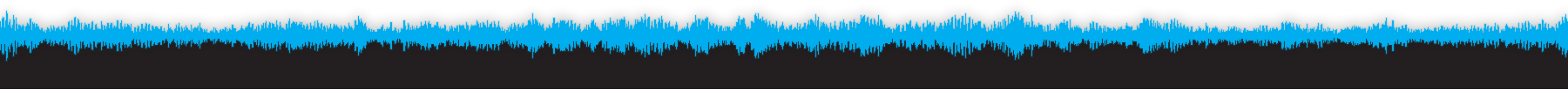


FENDER INSTRUMENTS

Compare and contrast these three musical instruments.



Consider or ask a friend:

- Do you recognize these instruments? If so, which ones?
 - Do you know the model names of these guitars?
 - What similarities and differences do you notice between them?
 - Do you know who invented them?
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- Leo Fender was born in Anaheim, CA in 1909.
- He founded Fender Electric Instrument Manufacturing Company in 1946 in Fullerton, CA.
- He invented the Fender Telecaster guitar in 1950, the Precision bass guitar in 1951, and the Stratocaster guitar in 1954.



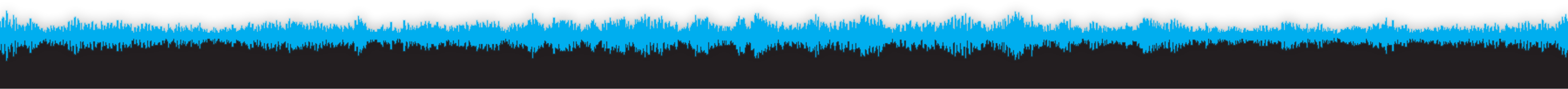


LEO'S LAB

Watch [this video](#) of Leo Fender's workspace in Fullerton, CA.



Consider or ask a friend:

- What to you stood out to you about Leo's lab?
 - How might Leo's lab represent how he was a "person driven by this need to create something"?
 - Might his lab reflect his personal habits for how he needed to do his best work?
 - How do you organize yourself to get the best results when you start an assignment or a new project?
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After selling Fender in 1965, Leo Fender founded G&L Guitars in 1980 and worked there until he died in 1991.



SUMMARY

- Leo Fender founded the Fender Electric Instrument Manufacturing Company in 1946
- He invented the Fender Telecaster, Precision bass, and Stratocaster guitars
- His workspace represented how he was always creating and experimenting



BE CREATIVE

- Read the instructions on **this handout**. Print out the second page or use grid paper to design your ideal workspace.
- Read more about Leo Fender's life in **this handout**. Then, follow the instructions on **this handout** to create an infographic about Leo Fender.



BE CURIOUS

Leo Fender invented these instruments, but who makes them? Read about [Abigail Ybarra](#) here, and watch [this video](#) about Josefina Campos to learn about the people who help create the sound of Fender Guitars.



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