

BLUE TODAY, BUT NOT TOMORROW



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Summary:

The Blues and Gospel music both express emotions and talk about hope. Both genres came from Black people in the southern states of the U.S. There are many reasons to feel sad or blue; however, expressing our blues can help us feel better. We may feel blue today, but there's hope for a better tomorrow.

Materials needed:

- 1 piece of copy paper
- regular pencil with eraser
- pencil sharpener
- colored pencils, crayons, or water-based markers

Musicians:

- Mamie Smith
- Muddy Waters
- Howlin' Wolf
- The Davis Sisters
- The Sensational Nightingales

Activity:

Fold one sheet of copy paper in half, "hamburger style," bottom up to the top. Without unfolding it, bring the upper part of the paper down lined up with the bottom of the paper, + fold again. You should see a shorter version of the paper with a fold going across the center. Keep the paper folded as is, then draw a face using the fold as a guide. The eyes above the fold, and design a mask below the fold. Above the head, write: BLUE TODAY. Next, open the paper and re-draw the bottom of the face with a smile instead of a mask. Find space to write: BUT NOT TOMORROW. Add color.

