Annotated Bibliography

Primary Sources


This newscast from the day of John Lennon’s murder captured the shock and confusion people felt about John Lennon’s death. It gave us an idea of the general population’s reaction to that fateful day. It also featured some short interviews from people who saw him get shot, which gave us an understanding of what that day was actually like.


This interview with the one of the surgeons who tried to save John Lennon showed the amount of stress and pressure they were under, even though the doctors didn’t know it was John Lennon until he died. It also showed how disappointed people were after, and the doctors were worried that people would hate them for not being able to save Lennon.


This interview gave a bystander’s perspective of John Lennon’s murder. It illustrated in great detail how people reacted after the gunshot went off. This helped us understand the various reactions of others present.


This photo taken mere hours after reports that John Lennon had been fatally shot showed that waves of people came out to scope out what had happened for themselves. This pictured captured just how many different types of people cared and mourned the loss of Lennon.


This newspaper article talks about the events leading up to the event of Lennon's murder. It listed what Lennon did right before his final day. It also briefly mentioned the widespread grief people felt after the events of murder.
This interview with John Lennon many years prior to his death gave us an idea of what John Lennon was actually like. This allowed us to know how Lennon talked and acted, and gave us an idea of what was going on inside his head. The interview assisted us both with writing and acting out our script.


This article talks about John Lennon’s legacy gave us a first hand account of what happened on the day of his murder by a reporters point of view. It showed the stress and grief people felt before he was even pronounced dead. This day was especially stressful for reporters, as they were expected to have answers when they had none themselves.


This newspaper article illustrates the amount of pain people felt when John Lennon died. There were many tributes created immediately after his death in his honor. It also showed how seriously people treated his death.


This song written and performed by John Lennon himself helped us understand his beliefs. It perfectly blends his love for music and activism all into one piece. This is one of his most iconic songs, arguably because it perfectly summarizes who John Lennon is.


This newspaper article gave a first hand account of John Lennon’s murder. It showcased the chaos that ensued. People were in hysterics and scared for their lives.


This police sketch gives people an idea what it would have been like to have been on the scene of John Lennon’s murder. It shows Mark Chapman, shooting John Lennon with Yoko Ono in the background. The background is seemingly calm, which helped us understand how shocking the whole situation was.
This newspaper article demonstrates the lengths people went through to preserve John Lennon's legacy. After the initial shock of his death, people used their talents to honor the superstar. Books detailing his life were published mere weeks after his death.

Secondary Sources


This article is talks about John Lennon’s fame. It talks about his successes he had in both music and activism. This helped us understand the impact he had on the world.


This article detailing the life of John Lennon assisted our understanding of John Lennon’s impact on society both while he was alive and dead. It also gave a detailed outline of John Lennon’s life, relationships, and accomplishments from start to end.


This article about John Lennon’s death gave us information on the events that happened right after his murder. It also gave us more knowledge on how his death spreaded worldwide and the grieving that people had.


This article about John Lennon’s murder helped us understand what caused his death. It also gave us information on the actions of the murderer and the events that happened right after his death.


This book about John Lennon helped us understand the events that led up to his murder. It also helped us see Mark Chapman's point of the view on the murder. This book gave us an insight on Mark Chapman’s views about John Lennon.


This article on John Lennon gives us more information on what John Lennon was wearing. This article
talked about how Yoko Ono received John Lennon’s belongings after he died. We used this information to portray John Lennon better in our performance.


This article talks about John Lennon’s long-term impact on society. It specifically talked about the steps people took to preserve his legacy. It gave us information about people’s widespread mourning that people had due to his death.


This article about John Lennon’s history in activism furthered our knowledge of Lennon’s influence on activism, and the influence activism had on Lennon’s life. This article talked about campaigns Lennon supported, and ways he integrated them into his lifestyle and music.


This article about John Lennon gives us information on John Lennon’s life as an activist. It helped us know why John Lennon was seen as a hero to many. This website also helped us find more background knowledge on his days as an activist.


This article describing the life of John Lennon’s wife, Yoko Ono, helped us understand the struggles Ono faced on a regular basis. The article informed readers about Ono’s life story, and how the general public greatly disliked her, and accused her of breaking up The Beatles.