



Where: <http://pandora.com>

What: Website for creating internet radio stations.

Why: Make channels for curricular topics and creating a pleasant environment in your classroom.

How:

Step One: Navigate to <http://pandora.com> and create a free account.



Step Two: You are ready to create stations. Select “Create a New Station.”

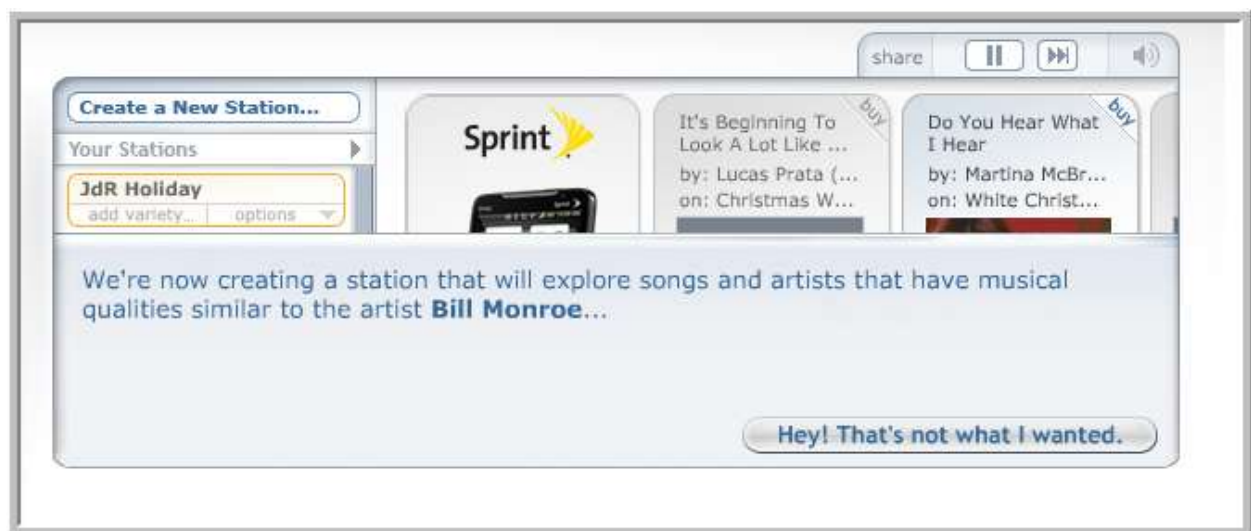


Type the name of an artist or song you want to build your station around.





I chose Bill Monroe. I am going to build a Kentucky Bluegrass station. Notice the phrase “...a station that will explore songs and artists that have musical qualities similar to the artist Bill Monroe...”



Yes, there are ads on the free version of Pandora from time to time. That is one drawback. The ad-free version is a reasonable \$36/year.



I chose options/Rename this station to change the name to “Kentucky Bluegrass.”

You can also choose to ‘add variety’ and choose another artist to base station on. I’ve found that as few one or two artists will give you a good station.



As songs play you can (optionally) rate them. As you rate the songs Pandora will further customize your station. The “menu” icon will give you artist info, lyrics and similar artists.



What else you can do:

Build multiple stations for non-school use, share your stations with others, download the Pandora App for iPod Touch or iPhone.

What you can't do:

You can't search for *individual* songs. Accomplish this at GrooveShark. (<http://grooveshark.com/>)