

Let's build a playlist for the classroom!

Language assistant name: KK

Name of your school: St. Peters College

Language: German

Name of the song: Trettmann - Stolpersteine

Theme of the songs: The song is about Stolpersteine (literally "*stumbling stones*"). Stolpersteine are memorial plaques which commemorate the victims of the Holocaust. There are more than 8000 Stolpersteine in Berlin!

Year group(s) you can use it with: probably 5th and 6th years

How you would use it: Coming to terms with the past is really important and still a present topic in Germany. I probably would use the song as an introduction to the Stolpersteine and the overall topic of the Holocaust. I would then encourage the students to create posters about Stolpersteine and other memorials in Berlin (e.g. the Berlin Wall) either giving them information or letting them do their own research. When the students know more about the topic of the Holocaust, I would have a closer look at the lyrics of the song. Here are some lines of the song:

Steine aus Messing auf meinem Weg
Beug mich nach vorn
Hier wohnte ne Frau mit 'nem Namen
Les' Zahlen
Geboren in 'n zwanziger Jahren
Abgeschoben nach Polen
Deportiert April
Ermordet in den letzten Tagen
Stolpersteine (Stolpersteine)

Link to the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErAeAJhOgG4>