

A Passion for Music

Teacher's Student Activities

Module 1 Student Activities

Pre-Viewing Activity

After a class discussion about ideas students believe might be a part of a discussion on "a passion for music," have them individually think of five different types of musical styles and musicians/composers, and where their musical ideas may have come from.

Group Activity

In small groups, students use the Gallery to expand their look at where creative ideas and inspiration come from. From there, they will analyze their own sources of inspiration and pick one from which to collaboratively write song lyrics as a group.

Curriculum Connections Activities

Art: The Music of War

Social Studies: Music Makes Memories

Science/Health/Careers: Healing Music

Research Project

Students conduct research related to the types and functions of music throughout the ages. They use their research to develop a multimedia documentary on the music of a specific group of people or a timeline tracing one type of music, such as lullabies, across time and cultures.

Terms to Discuss

alien
barometer
consciousness
contemporary music
heavy-metal music
hip-hop music
homage
motivation
passion
rebellion

Module 2 Student Activities

Pre-Viewing Activity How do students define a creative genius? Discuss the term as a class and then have them think of examples along with three words they would use to describe each person.

Group Activity

In small groups, students create an information piece with the goal of explaining something new to them without judging its merits.

Curriculum Connections Activities

Language Arts: Birth of an Artist

Social Studies: Wave-Makers

Creative Writing: Note to Self

Research Project

Students conduct research on the need for and value of creativity in many types of work and careers. They use their research to create an oral presentation or a web site on the importance of creativity.

Terms to Discuss

 censor
 channel
 condescending
 formulaic
 genius
 platform
 provoke
 self-discovery
 stereotyping
 unique

Module 3 Student Activities

Pre-Viewing Activity

Students prepare for the video by completing a chart that identifies what they know about the subject of careers in music and what they would like to know.

Group Activity

In small groups, students prepare for and take part in a debate on the subject of "selling out" and what it means to be your own person in the field of music.

Curriculum Connections Activities

Social Studies: Timeline of Success

Language Arts: Breaking the Mold

Creative Writing: Be a Detective

Research Project

Students conduct research on different types of music-related careers. They share their information in the form of a computer database or as part of a school-sponsored Careers in Music day.

Terms to Discuss

compromised
corruption
creative arts
forethought
hone
hypocrisy
provoke
stereotypes
vocation

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