

Music Genres

Specific focus : African music

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In Africa, music is an important part of traditional life. The styles of music vary across the different parts of Africa. African music is part of everyday activities; everyone joins in, clapping, singing and dancing to the music. The main instrument used is African drums. The drums are usually made from wood, metal, earthenware or large gourds. Drums come in all shapes and sizes and They are played using **hands**, or **sticks**, or both.

Lesson 1: Subject: Music

Activity: Listen to and describe a piece of African music.

Explain:

Listen to this piece of African music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7m61Em4A5k>

Think about how it may be different to music you normally listen to. Do you recognise any of the instruments shown on the resource sheet?

After listening to the music:

Think about how the music makes you feel. Do you feel happy? energetic?

How would you describe the music itself (Loud, soft, fast, slow).

Lesson 3: Subject: Music

Activity Outcome: I am learning to evaluate my piece of African music.

Explain:

Practise your piece of music with instruments once more. Think about:

What instruments you used.

One part you liked.

If you found it easy or hard to create the rhythm.

What you might do differently if you did it again.

Write your evaluation (Example below).

Lesson 2: Subject: Music

Activity Outcome: Create your own African Rhythm using body percussion and household items as instruments.

Explain: Re-listen to the clip from Lesson 1. What kind of instruments do you think they used to create those sounds?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7m61Em4A5k>

Can you use body percussion to create a rhythm that is similar to the African rhythm?

Can you use items around your house to create different sounds? You could use a saucepan as a drum, a box of cereal as a shaker and spoons as maracas!

Lesson 4: Subject: PE—Dance

Activity Outcome: Use fast, slow, high and low movements to create a dance to a piece of African music.

Explain:

Have a look at the video—How are the people moving to the music?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DoQ4AF4yfa0>

Listen to the piece of music. What kind of movements do you think suit the music? Can you put 5 movements into a sequence to create a dance? Can you get a grown up to record your African dance?

Lesson 1 Resources

African Music



African Drums

Drumming is an important part of African music.



Dumbek



Djembe



Tuned African Instruments

Here are some of the instruments that create the melodies in African music.



Oud



Mbira



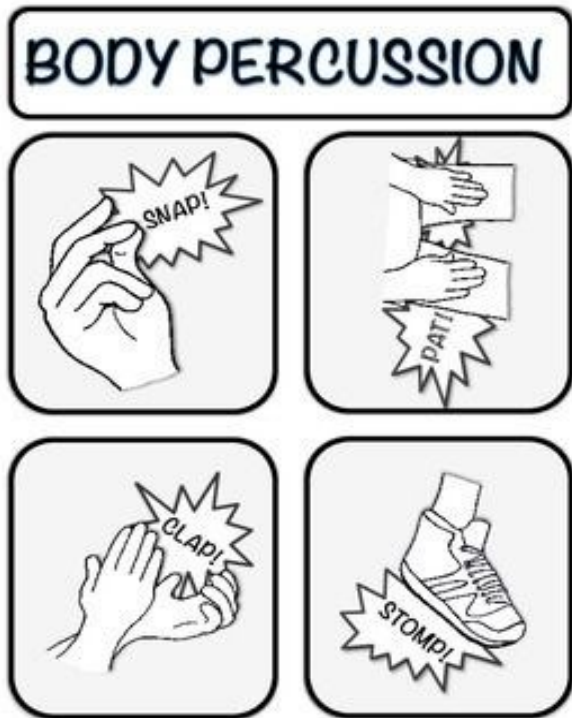
Marimba



Listening to the music made me feel...

I would describe the music as...

Lesson 2 resources



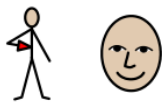
Some household instrument ideas!



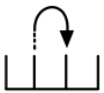
Lesson 3 resources

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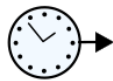
One part I like is...



Next time



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