



We're Off to See a Legend!

Music

Students explore how music is used to express mood during a play. Music can be used to help express feelings, thoughts, ideas or mood within a story. Often plays and movies contain music. The music can be used to help set the mood or express a character's feelings.

National Standards: Fine Arts>Music

- #3 Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments.
- #4 Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines

Kentucky Arts and Humanities>Music Standards

AH-E-1.1.25

- Recognize and demonstrate the relationship between elements of music and expressive qualities.

AH-E-1.1.36

- Identify and recognize timbre: sounds of voices and instruments.

AH-E-1.1.37

- Identify and recognize dynamics: soft, medium soft, loud, medium loud.

Ohio Arts>Music Standards

Analyzing and Responding

Benchmark

Grades K-3

C. Discuss and evaluate individual and group music performances

Objective

Students will:

Listen to samples of various types of music to answer the following answer prompts.

- How is music used in scary movies?
- What instruments might be used to set the mood in a scary movie?
- What if music was not used, would the story still be scary? Why or why not?

Materials

- Various types of spooky stories and books
- Multiple classroom instruments or objects that can be used as instruments
- Spooky songs

Activity

Teacher will:

- Read a story such as “Froggy’s Halloween” or “How Spider Saved Halloween” or other spooky stories or poems. (Students could also create their own stories.)
- Identify instruments or vocal sounds that could be added to the story to help set the mood or express the characters feelings.
- Read the story again adding the instrument and vocal sounds where appropriate.
- Sing or listen to songs such as “Ghost of John” and “Skin and Bones” and identify what role the music plays in expressing the words of the songs.

Resources

Songs from Share the Music, music textbooks, MacMillan McGraw-Hill

Suggested connections

Different styles of music can be used to help create a story’s setting or the time period in which the story takes place. A story that takes place in the colonial period might use folk music. A modern day story might use pop, rap or rock and roll.

- Identify some different styles of music. (i.e. rock & roll, country, bluegrass, rap, hip-hop, blues, jazz, classical, R & B, folk, pop)
- Name some instruments that would be used in each style of music.
- Listen to examples of the different styles.
- How would the style of music used in a play/story affect the setting and time period?
- Would it change the mood of the story?