



# music exploration in the classroom!

## music genres

HISTORY • SOUND CLIPS • ACTIVITIES • ART • CREATIVE FUN



# DON'T HAVE A QR CODE READER? That's Ok!

Here are the hyperlinks below to  
the examples of each genre type!

Country - <http://bit.ly/2qyTZhu>

Hip Hop - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKTUAESacQM>

Classical - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4788Tmz9Zo>

Rock - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbHA8iVX0do>

Jazz - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ll5ORDi7y0s>

Pop - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2GAJ7IDKg)

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# OVERVIEW

## MUSICAL INSTRUMENT FAMILIES

*Directions: Learn about the four types of musical instruments! The instruments you are about to study will fall into one of these four categories.*

### String



String instruments produce sound when you pluck their strings. The vibration from plucking the string is transmitted to the body of the instrument.

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### Woodwind



Woodwind instruments are blown into in order to produce sounds. The length of the air column affects the pitch of the sound note produced. The longer the air column, the lower the pitch is produced. The shorter the air column, the higher the pitch is.

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### Brass



Similar to woodwinds, brass instruments you blow into in order to produce sound. They create a much different type of sound than woodwind (more of a buzzing sound you hear in jazz and blues music). These instruments are made of brass or other types of metal material.

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### Percussion



Percussion instruments produce sound when someone beats or strikes the surface. They can also be shaken. Some instruments are beaten with hands or sticks.



# EXPLORING THE WORLD OF POP MUSIC



read and learn!



**OVERVIEW:** Pop music is a broad term to describe “popular music”. Pop music is known for blending styles together such as urban, dance, country, and rock. Vocals are typically the focus in pop music.

**HISTORY:** Pop music can be traced all the way back to the 1920’s when music was described as having a “popular appeal”. The first iconic pop band was The Beatles in the 60’s. The early 1980’s popular music was transformed by MTV. Artists like Michael Jackson and Madonna can be considered as the first global pop icons in pop culture.

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**FAMOUS MUSICIANS & BANDS:** The Beatles, Madonna, Michael Jackson, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, Backstreet Boys, NSYNC, Katy Perry, Mariah Carey, Whitney Houston, Lady Gaga

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**COMMON ELEMENTS OF POP MUSIC:** Pop music often focuses on the digitized recording in the studio rather than the live performance. Technology is more frequently used. Pop music often features one singer rather than an entire band. Vocals are typically the focus in pop music.

While listening, describe what you hear. Listen for specific instruments, beats, and rhythms. If anything stands out at you, write about it! There are no wrong answers:

SCAN FOR  
MUSIC CLIP!



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# POP MUSIC

## what I learned!



My **FAVORITE** thing about pop music is (and why):

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Drawing:

A large, empty rectangular box with a solid border, intended for a drawing related to the student's favorite thing about pop music.

One **FUN FACT** I learned about pop music:

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A **QUESTION** I have about pop music would be...

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