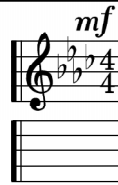


ROCK N SOUL SOUND EDUCATION



Musical Picture Book

Audience: Grades 3 - 6 or ages 10 - 13 (for a similar exercise for junior or senior high-aged groups, see the "Video Killed the Radio Star" lesson plan #9!)

Achievements: Exploring educational standards for English, Grammar, Creative Writing, Art and Music; Music listening and concentration; Practicing writing skills and composing complete sentences; Exercising artistic skills and visual interpretations.

Activity: Create a cover page similar to the illustration below with an area across the top for individuals to write their name. Depending on the age of the group, you may want to include lines across the middle of the page for the writing activity. Around the margins of the page, you may allow the children to decorate their cover page with a musical theme.

Assign each child a familiar song or, depending on the age of the individuals, allow them to choose one of their own favorite songs. Have them write the name of their song on their cover page. Under the line "What I See While Listening to This Song," encourage each child to fill the remainder of the cover page with complete sentences that tell what they visualize while listening to their song. On a second sheet of paper or larger sheet of art paper, allow each child to create a piece of artwork that depicts the visual picture their song creates in their head. Allow them to use crayolas, markers or tempera paints.

"What I See While Listening to This Song"

Name: _____

When the group assignment is completed, you may choose to create a bulletin board with the heading "The Music We See!" Display each work of art, and post the name of the song each picture represents under it, along with the artist's name.

This activity is also an excellent preview to a class or group field trip to the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum. When they visit the museum, they will be given the chance to hear several songs by famous musicians represented in the museum, like Elvis Presley, Aretha Franklin or "Sam the Sham". In advance of the field trip, tell them to pay close attention to the music they hear, because later they will be given the assignment to create another work of art based on one of the songs they heard while visiting Rock 'n' Soul.

Special thanks to Justin Roberts for assistance in developing this lesson plan!



Continue your study and exploration of Memphis' rich musical history and heritage with an organized field trip to the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum. Contact our Group Tour Coordinator today at (901) 205-2526 for tour details and available "Museum & A Meal" plans.

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