

Middle School Music Appreciation

Connecting and Responding Learning Targets

Essential Question:

How does music impact your emotions when you are happy, sad, angry, joyful, or energetic?



Warm-up activities

What song/rap always makes you happy and why?

What song/rap always makes you sad and why?

What is your favorite song/rap today that you can't stop listening to and why?

Now that you've thought about what songs/raps you listen to, let's interview 3 people you know (examples could include: Grandpa, Aunt, Cousin, Sister, Dad, etc). Remember do this safely with only the people living in your house, through text, or email.

Ask them what their favorite song/rap is that they are currently listening to.

Then, out of all of the music that is available, what song makes them the most happy and why. Is it a memory? A connection? A story?

Then if you can listen to that song with the individual or on your own. Remember, don't be judgemental if it's not the same music you listen to.

Song/rap 1 Title and Artist _____

Why was this their favorite? _____

Did you like it or perhaps have the same happy emotion? _____

Song/rap 2 Title and Artist _____

Why was this their favorite? _____

Did you like it or perhaps have the same happy emotion? _____

Song/rap 3 Title and Artist _____

Why was this their favorite? _____

Did you like it or perhaps have the same happy emotion? _____

Extended practice:

Go back to your interviewees and ask them what song always makes them sad and listen to those.

Interview additional people (even better if they all like different types of music!)

Use the radio, SiriusXM, YouTube, Spotify, or your choice of music listening and see if you can find a new song that makes you happy. Share that new song/rap with people you interviewed.

