

Music of Past Generations

8th Grade Guitar Lesson 1

Learning Target: Students will learn about music and genres from another time period.

Interview someone 60 or older about the music they grew up on! (If you don't have someone to interview interview a parent or guardian)

Instructions

Sit down with, call, or video conference with someone 60 or older and ask them these questions about the music they remember listening to as they grew up. If you don't have someone, you can interview a parent or guardian. You can also come up with questions of your own. Write down your answers as they will help you with future lessons.

Interview Questions

- Right now, I am _____ years old. Who was your favorite singer or band when you were my age?
- What did your parents think of your music?
- What songs were your favorite to listen to?
- What kinds of music did your parents listen to?
- What kinds of music did your grandparents listen to?
- How did you listen to music at home? What did you use?

Questions (Cont'd)

- What songs and artists remind you of your teenage years?
- Do you remember your first concert? What do you remember about it?
- What has been your favorite concert or live performance?
- Were you in your school choir, orchestra, or band?
- Did you play any instruments?
- If you have been married, did you have a wedding song, a song for your first dance?
- If you could share ONE song with me, what would it be and why?

Reflection

Think about how you might answer these questions in the future when your kids or grandkids ask you.

How would you describe the music of today to someone 40 yrs down the road?

Who are the influential musicians?

How do you think music will change over the next 40 years?

What do you listen to today that those in the future will think is still cool? Or what will be lame?

What's Next?

In the next lesson you will pick 2 of the songs mentioned by the person you interviewed and listen to them and write down what you think about them.