Music Snow Packet

Grade 5

“Music and you”

Music is many things. Some people may refer to music as an art, others may say that music is a physical science. I’ve even heard people say that music is a universal language that all humans can understand. As for me? I think that music is all of that and more. Most importantly, I think that music is a tool. Yes, music is a tool.

“*A tool? Like a wrench or a screwdriver?”*

Well, yes and no. A wrench or a screwdriver is a physical kind of tool, whereas the concept of music is more of a “learning tool”. Like a wrench helps with nuts and bolts, music helps you learn. Therefore, I say that music is a ***tool***, because it is something you can use to help learn.

“*Help me learn about what?”*

To help you learn about yourself.

“*Woah, Mr. Mullennex, that’s kind of deep.”*

Okay...maybe you didn’t ACTUALLY THINK that was deep, but it really can be. Music is all about feelings, and the type of music you listen to can tell you a lot about how you feel.

-Happy? You might feel like you want to listen to upbeat, light, and bouncy music.

-Calm? You might listen to something a little more ambient, and mellow.

-Sad? You might listen to something that’s slow, and dreary.

-Angry? You might listen to something that abrasive and energized!

For this week's snow packet, I am going to help you identify the types of music you enjoy. And hopefully by the end of this week, you will have learned a little bit about yourself too.

Day of Mon: Cover the Basics

If we are trying the learn about ourselves through music, then we need to know where to begin. For your assignment today, please study the following timeline of music from 1870-1980. Notice how music changes slowly over time.

-Write 3-5 sentences on how knowing different music genres helps you learn about yourself.

-Write another 3-5 sentences to answer the following; why do you think music changes slowly over time and not all at once?

**Please submit answers to via Live Grades. Either a direct message or picture of what you wrote.**

Genre

“Genre” (ZHänrə) is a word that means “a style of art”. Here is a timeline of genres you might be familiar with.

* Folk Music – the people's music, is the foundation of musical culture.
* Blues – 1870’s United States deep south. Stems from African American traditional.
* Jazz – Fusion of blues and ragtime appearing in the early 1900’s.
* Big Band – First appeared as early as 1910. Jazz variant that uses 10 or more musicians
* Country – 1920’s American south. Fusion of Blues and Folk
* R&B – Rhythm and Blues, originated in the 1940’s fusion of Blues, Jazz, and Gospel
* Ska – 1950's, Jamaican origins. Fusion of Carribian Mento, Calypso, Jazz, and R&B
* Rock & Roll - Began in the 1950’s, incorporates Blues, Folk, Country, and more
* Reggae – 1960’s Jamaica, fusion of Ska, Jazz, and R&B
* Hard Rock – 1960’s Rock & Roll, but harsher vocals and distorted guitar
* Funk – Originated in the 1960’s, evolved from R&B with influence from Rock & Roll
* Disco – Originated in the 1970’s, evolved from Funk with an emphasis on dance.
* Hip-hop – Originated in the 1970’s, it’s the “Hard rock” fusion of Funk, Disco, and Soul
* Metal – Hard rock but harder, origin ~1970-1980
* Heavy Metal – Metal but...even harsher...I think you get the idea. ~1980’s

Day of Tues: Discovery

Yesterday, you became familiar with all the different musical genres over the course of 110 years! This is an incredible thing! You might already have an idea of what Genre you prefer, but I think you might be surprised by how much you enjoy. Today is a day of discovery after all, so let's discover something new about out musical interests! Be willing to listen to something you are not use too.

Below you will find a song list that has one song from each genre in the timeline. You are to select at least 5 of the songs listed below and listen to them. After each song, rate how much you liked it from 1-10. A rating of 1 is “I did not like it at all”, a rating of 5 is “I thought it was alright but not my favorite”, and 10 being “I loved this song! One of my favorites!”.

**Blues** - *Little Rain,* Jimmy Reed

**Jazz -***Take Five,*Dave Brubeck

**Big Band** - *Fly Me to the Moon,*Frank Sinatra

**Country -***I Walk the Line,*Johnny Cash

**R&B** - *Mr. Five by Five,* Freddie Slack

**Ska** - *Forward March,*Derrick Morgan

**Rock & Roll –***Shake, Rattle, and Roll,*Bill Haley and His Comets

**Reggae –***Ah it Mek,*Desmond Dekker

**Hard Rock –***Crazy Train,*Ozzy Osbourne

**Funk –***Superstition,*Stevie Wonder

**Disco** - *Stayin’ Alive,*Bee Gees

**Hip Hop –***Rappers Delight,*The Sugar Hill Gang

**Metal –***Enter Sandman,*Metallica

**Heavy Metal –***War Pigs,*Black Sabbath