

# Unit 7 - Speaking the Language

Content Area: **Music**  
Course(s): **Band, Band Performance**  
Time Period: **March**  
Length: **4 Weeks**  
Status: **Published**

## **Transfer**

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Developing Artistic Expression

## **Enduring Understandings**

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The creation of art is a form of expression.

The creation of art can be achieved through our personal experiences and acquired skills in an artistic medium.

Musical literacy is paramount to interpreting music as art.

## **Essential Questions**

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How does art express mood, thought feeling or literal interpretation?

How do our personal experience and skill level “color” our interpretation of music?

How does musical literacy contribute to meaningful interpretation of art?

## **Content**

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## **Vocabulary**

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Mood

Cut time

Compound Meter

Interpretation

Form and analysis

## **Learning Objectives**

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Students will perform in cut time and compound meters.

Students will recognize and discuss interpretations of musical repertoire.

Students will analyze formal elements of selected repertoire.

Students will perform instrument specific advance techniques as required by selected repertoire.

## **Resources**

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The Alfred percussion book starts in grade 6 and grade 7/8 moves at an accelerated rate

- Standard of Excellence Book 1 and 2 .
- Habits of a Successful Musician ( Comp band only)
  
- Alfred's Drum Method
- Practical Theory (Sandy Feldsdtein)
- Modern Etudes and Studies for the Percussionist ( Chris Colaneri)
- Concert and Contest ( Rubank)
- Music Theory.net

Musical concepts are embedded in carefully selected repertoire.

## **Standards**

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VPA.1.2.8.A.1	Map historical innovations in dance, music, theatre, and visual art that were caused by the creation of new technologies.
VPA.1.2.8.A.2	Differentiate past and contemporary works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art that represent important ideas, issues, and events that are chronicled in the histories of diverse cultures.
VPA.1.2.8.A.3	Analyze the social, historical, and political impact of artists on culture and the impact of culture on the arts.
VPA.1.3.8.B.1	Perform instrumental or vocal compositions using complex standard and non-standard Western, non-Western, and avant-garde notation.
VPA.1.3.8.B.2	Perform independently and in groups with expressive qualities appropriately aligned with the stylistic characteristics of the genre.
VPA.1.3.8.B.3	Apply theoretical understanding of expressive and dynamic music terminology to the performance of written scores in the grand staff.
VPA.1.3.8.B.4	Improvise music in a selected genre or style, using the elements of music that are consistent with basic playing and/or singing techniques in that genre or style.
VPA.1.4.8.A.1	Generate observational and emotional responses to diverse culturally and historically specific works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
VPA.1.4.8.A.2	Identify works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art that are used for utilitarian and non-utilitarian purposes.
VPA.1.4.8.A.3	Distinguish among artistic styles, trends, and movements in dance, music, theatre, and visual art within diverse cultures and historical eras.
VPA.1.4.8.A.4	Compare and contrast changes in the accepted meanings of known artworks over time, given shifts in societal norms, beliefs, or values.
VPA.1.4.8.A.5	Interpret symbolism and metaphors embedded in works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
VPA.1.4.8.A.6	Differentiate between “traditional” works of art and those that do not use conventional elements of style to express new ideas.
VPA.1.4.8.A.7	Analyze the form, function, craftsmanship, and originality of representative works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
VPA.1.4.8.B.1	Evaluate the effectiveness of a work of art by differentiating between the artist’s technical proficiency and the work’s content or form.
VPA.1.4.8.B.2	Differentiate among basic formal structures and technical proficiency of artists in works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
VPA.1.4.8.B.3	Compare and contrast examples of archetypal subject matter in works of art from diverse cultural contexts and historical eras by writing critical essays.