

# Dec. Music Grade 7 Unit 3: Music speaks to me

Content Area: **Music**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **December**  
Length: **4-5 Weeks**  
Status: **Published**

## Unit Overview

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Creating ★ Connecting ★ Performing ★ Responding

Students will learn to personally interpret music for own fulfillment.

## Enduring Understandings

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People choose personal music based on thier feelings and enjoyment.

## Essential Questions

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How do I learn to personally make connectiions with music?

## Instructional Strategies & Learning Activities

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Objectives	Suggested Activities	Evaluations	Res
Students will understand the integrative concept that mood and style are created through the combination of instruments, lyrics, tone color and personality of the composer  Share a meaningful song for analysis	Identify characteristic of songs that “tell a story” in a folk or strophic style  Students will choose a song that contains music and lyric to orally present to the class after teacher approval  Students will identify the song’s	Teacher observation  Performance assessment  Oral/Aural assessment  Written assessment	Interne  Referen  Person:

	<p>form, instrumentation, style, vocal quality and describe them in their presentation</p> <p>Write a brief summary of the above and identify why this song appeals to the student</p>	<p>Self evaluation</p> <p>Peer evaluation</p>	
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## **Integration of Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills**

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WRK.9.2.8.CAP	Career Awareness and Planning
WRK.9.2.8.CAP.1	Identify offerings such as high school and county career and technical school courses, apprenticeships, military programs, and dual enrollment courses that support career or occupational areas of interest.
WRK.9.2.8.CAP.2	Develop a plan that includes information about career areas of interest.
WRK.9.2.8.CAP.3	Explain how career choices, educational choices, skills, economic conditions, and personal behavior affect income.
WRK.9.2.8.CAP.4	Explain how an individual's online behavior (e.g., social networking, photo exchanges, video postings) may impact opportunities for employment or advancement.
TECH.9.4.8.CI	Creativity and Innovation
TECH.9.4.8.CI.4	Explore the role of creativity and innovation in career pathways and industries.
TECH.9.4.8.CT	<p>Critical Thinking and Problem-solving</p> <p>Multiple solutions often exist to solve a problem.</p> <p>An individual's strengths, lifestyle goals, choices, and interests affect employment and income.</p>

## **Technology and Design Integration**

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Students will interact with the Smartboard.

CS.6-8.8.1.8.CS.4

Systematically apply troubleshooting strategies to identify and resolve hardware and software problems in computing systems.

Troubleshooting a problem is more effective when knowledge of the specific device along with a systematic process is used to identify the source of a problem.

## Interdisciplinary Connections

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LA.RI.7.1	Cite several pieces of textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
LA.RI.7.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
LA.RI.7.5	Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to the development of the ideas.
LA.RI.7.6	Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author distinguishes his or her position from that of others.
LA.W.7.1	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
LA.W.7.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
LA.SL.7.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

## Differentiation

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- Understand that gifted students, just like all students, come to school to learn and be challenged.
- Pre-assess your students. Find out their areas of strength as well as those areas you may need to address before students move on.
- Consider grouping gifted students together for at least part of the school day.
- Plan for differentiation. Consider pre-assessments, extension activities, and compacting the curriculum.
- Use phrases like "You've shown you don't need more practice" or "You need more practice" instead of words like "qualify" or "eligible" when referring to extension work.
- Encourage high-ability students to take on challenges. Because they're often used to getting good grades, gifted students may be risk averse.
- **Definitions of Differentiation Components:**
  - Content – the specific information that is to be taught in the lesson/unit/course of instruction.
  - Process – how the student will acquire the content information.
  - Product – how the student will demonstrate understanding of the content.
  - Learning Environment – the environment where learning is taking place including physical location and/or student grouping

### Differentiation occurring in this unit

Students will be offered support and challenges as determined by teacher evaluation.

## **Modifications & Accommodations**

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Refer to QSAC EXCEL SMALL SPED ACCOMMODATIONS spreadsheet in this discipline.

**Modifications and Accommodations used in this unit:**

IEP's and 504 plans will be utilized.

## **Benchmark Assessments**

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**Benchmark Assessments** are given periodically (e.g., at the end of every quarter or as frequently as once per month) throughout a school year to establish baseline achievement data and measure progress toward a standard or set of academic standards and goals.

**Schoolwide Benchmark assessments:**

Aimsweb benchmarks 3X a year

Linkit Benchmarks 3X a year

**Additional Benchmarks used in this unit:**

Teacher made pre and post assessments for growth

## **Formative Assessments**

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Assessment allows both instructor and student to monitor progress towards achieving learning objectives, and can be approached in a variety of ways. **Formative assessment** refers to tools that identify misconceptions, struggles, and learning gaps along the way and assess how to close those gaps. It includes effective tools for helping to shape learning, and can even bolster students' abilities to take ownership of their learning when they understand that the goal is to improve learning, not apply final marks (Trumbull and Lash, 2013). It can include students assessing themselves, peers, or even the instructor, through writing, quizzes, conversation, and more. In short, formative assessment occurs throughout a class or course, and seeks to improve student achievement of learning objectives through approaches that can support specific student needs (Theal and Franklin, 2010, p. 151).

**Formative Assessments used in this unit:**

**unit:**

each other observation

Performance assessment

Oral/Aural assessment

Written assessment

Self evaluation

Peer evaluation

## Standards

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MU.6-8.1.3A.8.Cr1a	Generate and improvise rhythmic, melodic and harmonic phrases and harmonic accompaniments within basic forms (e.g., AB, ABA, Theme & Variations) and expanded forms (e.g., introductions, transitions, codas) that convey expressive intent. Explain connection to specific purpose and context (e.g., social, cultural, historical).
MU.6-8.1.3A.8.Cr2b	Use standard and/or iconic notation and/or recording technology to document personal rhythmic phrases, melodic phrases and harmonic sequences.
MU.6-8.1.3A.8.Cr3a	Evaluate, refine and explain their own work by selecting and applying criteria including appropriate application of elements of music, compositional techniques, style and form, and use of sound sources.
MU.6-8.1.3A.8.Pr5a	Identify and apply personally developed criteria (e.g., demonstrating correct interpretation of notation, technical skill of performer, originality, emotional impact, variety, interest) to rehearse, refine and determine when the music is ready to perform.
MU.6-8.1.3A.8.Re8a	Apply appropriate personally developed criteria to evaluate musical works or performances.

## Summative Assessments

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**Summative assessments** evaluate student learning, knowledge, proficiency, or success at the conclusion of an instructional period, like a unit, course, or program. Summative assessments are almost always formally graded and often heavily weighted (though they do not need to be). Summative assessment can be used to great effect in conjunction and alignment with formative assessment, and instructors can consider a variety of ways to combine these

approaches.

**Summative assessments for this unit:**

each observation

Performance assessment

Oral/Aural assessment

Written assessment

Self evaluation

Peer evaluation

**Instructional Materials**

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Internet

Reference books

Personal recordings