

Character and Life Skills

Essential Questions Chart: Music Grade Level: High School

Directions

Apply these essential questions if focusing on the music form of each lesson.

Attendance and Achievement		
Lesson/Video	Art Activity	Essential Question
Responsibility	Musician's Responsibilities	How does a good musician demonstrate responsibility?
Togetherness	Harmony Brings it Together	How do we recognize harmony?
Self-Control	Back Up Singing: The Ultimate in Musical Self-Control	What do back up singers do?
Justice/Fairness	Chants for Justice and Fairness	Why are rhythm and beat important in social justice chants?
Caring/Compassion	Compassion	What are the basic elements of minimalism as evidenced in "Echorus" by Phillip Glass?
Setbacks Make Us Stronger	Dynamics Mosh	What do dynamics markings mean?
Diligence	Dynamic Thoughts and Feelings	Why are dynamics important in a musical piece?
Convictions #1	Dynamic Reading #1	How do we plan dynamics for a read aloud of a poem?
Convictions #2	Dynamic Reading #2	How do dynamics support meaning within a poem that is read aloud?
Trustworthiness	Dynamic Choral Reading	How do dynamics color the images within a poem that is read aloud?

College and Career Readiness

Lesson/Video	Art Activity	Essential Question
Courage	Chronicles of Courage: Very Special Artists	How does knowing the background of an artist affect the way we think and feel about their work?
The Empathy Deficit	Music and Empathy	Can music increase empathy? Why or why not?
Cooperation	The Power of Rhythm	How does rhythm create bonds?
Courtesy	The Power or Rhythm #2	How does rhythm hold a musical piece together?
Generosity #1	Global Citizenship	How is using music to impact social justice generous?
Civility	Rap and Poetry	Compare/contrast rap and poetry.
Generosity #2	Rap and Poetry #2	How do the elements of poetry work in rap?
Citizenship	Citizenship in Songs	What makes a song or a piece of music patriotic?
Freedom	Music and Free Speech	Should music be subjected to censorship rules? Why or why not?
Honor	Honor Yourself First	How does Lady Gaga's song "Hair" express the theme of honoring oneself?
Peace #1	Musical Peace	What are the elements of peaceful music?
Overcoming Issues at Home	Hook the Issues	What is the best strategy for writing song lyrics?
Justice	Justice in Music	How does music express the theme of justice?
Respect	"R-E-S-P-E-C-T"	How does the song "R-E-S-P-E-C-T" convey ways to be respectful?

Attendance and Achievement

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Helpfulness	Musicals Reflect Life	How are stories and themes expressed in the songs of musicals? Apply your answer to "The Circle of Life" from <i>Lion King</i> .
Honesty	Musical Life Events	How are stories and themes expressed in the songs of musicals? Apply your answer to "I Am Changing" from <i>Dream Girls</i> .
Peace #2	Peaceful in Musicals	How is the theme of peace expressed in the songs of musicals? Apply your answer to "Cool" from <i>West Side Story</i> .
Peer Pressure	Sharks VS Jets	How is the peer pressure expressed in the songs of musicals? Apply your answer to "The Jet Song" from <i>West Side Story</i> .
Integrity	Musical Integrity	How is the theme of integrity expressed in the songs of musicals? Apply your answer to "I Gotta Be Me" from <i>Golden Rainbow</i> .
Plagiarism	Musical Piracy	What is musical copyright infringement? When, if ever, is musical theft acceptable?

Notes
