



LITTLE KIDS ROCK CHARTS: “CHAIN OF FOOLS”

OVERVIEW

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How does understanding the structure and context of the song “Chain of Fools” inform its performance?

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Rock and Roll Forever Foundation has partnered with Little Kids Rock, a national nonprofit that trains public school teachers to deliver Modern Band music classes.

The lesson that follows provides Little Kids Rock Modern Band charts for students to learn to play and interpret the song “Chain of Fools.”

If you are interested in learning more about Little Kids Rock Modern Band teaching methods, or if you would like to sign up for a Little Kids Rock teacher training, please visit LittleKidsRock.org.



OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this lesson, students will:

1. KNOW (KNOWLEDGE):

- The structure of the song "Chain of Fools," written by Don Covey and made popular by Aretha Franklin's recording in 1967

2. BE ABLE TO (SKILLS):

- Learn to play and interpret "Chain of Fools" using Modern Band instruments

ACTIVITIES

The following Little Kids Rock Modern Band charts are available to aid you and your students in learning the structure of "Chain of Fools" on Modern Band instruments:

"Chain of Fools" Chart: Guitar

"Chain of Fools" Chart: Drums

"Chain of Fools" Chart: Keyboard

"Chain of Fools" Chart: Ukulele

"Chain of Fools" Chart: Bass

"Chain of Fools" Chart: Full Modern Band

When your students have a grasp on the structure of the song, you can further explore its context using the Rock and Roll Forever Foundation's Interdisciplinary Lesson: "Chain of Fools."

STANDARDS

NATIONAL CORE ARTS STANDARDS

Anchor Standard 5: Develop and refine artistic work for presentation.

NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

Core Music Standard: Performing

Analyze: Analyze the structure and context of varied musical works and their implications for performance.

Interpret: Develop personal interpretation that considers creators' intent

Rehearse, Evaluate and Refine: Evaluate and refine personal and ensemble performances, individually or in collaboration with others.



RESOURCES

VIDEO RESOURCES

- Aretha Franklin – Chain of Fools (1968)

FEATURED PEOPLE

- Aretha Franklin

HANDOUTS

- "Chain of Fools" Chart: Bass
- "Chain of Fools" Chart: Drums
- "Chain of Fools" Chart: Full Modern Band
- "Chain of Fools" Chart: Guitar
- "Chain of Fools" Chart: Keyboard
- "Chain of Fools" Chart: Ukulele