

West Virginia Music History Lesson Plan Sample

Lesson Plan Title: West Virginia Fiddler Jake Krack

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Grade Level: Kindergarten

Subject: West Virginia Music History

Essential Questions:

What is a fiddle?

How did Jake learn to play WV fiddle tunes?

How old was Jake when he began learning to play the fiddle?

Who was Jake's teacher?

Activating Prior Knowledge:

Class will share knowledge of West Virginia musicians previously studied in class by discussion in peer conversation groups. Teacher may play a recorded example of a West Virginia musician's work as a review from a prior class session.

Vocabulary Development: Fiddle, Aural tradition (learning by ear), tune

Active Participation/Group Activities:

Students will identify a fiddle from a photograph. Class will discuss what makes the fiddle different from a violin.

Teacher will read *Passing the Music Down* by Sarah Sullivan.

Students will discuss how Jake was taught to play fiddle tunes by Melvin Wine through aural tradition.

In conversation groups consisting of two to three students, students will discuss something about the book that they enjoyed. They then will discuss something about Jake Krack that they learned through listening to the story. Students may be invited to share something that their group noticed or learned.

Teacher will teach the song Shady Grove to the class using call and response phrasing. Students will conclude through the process of learning the song how aural tradition (learning by ear) is used as a primary means in which many people teach and learn music.

Students will move their bodies to a recording of Jake Krack playing a fiddle tune. Teacher will encourage the class to visually incorporate the sound of the music in their bodies.

Evaluation:

Students will pair share ideas about what they have learned about Jake Krack. The teacher will assess understanding by the content of the peer discussion following the questions below.

Tell your neighbor something you know about the fiddle.

Tell your neighbor how Jake Krack learned to play the fiddle as we learned in the story *Passing the Music Down*.

Talk with your neighbor about what "learning by ear" means.

Materials:

Book: *Passing the Music Down* by Sarah Sullivan

Jake Krack CD *Second Time Around*

Shady Grove lyrics

Disney Children's Favorites: Larry Groce

Other Children's albums by: Mark Davis, Todd Burge, Ron Sowell

Websites:

<http://www.wvmusichalloffame.com/>

<http://libraryguides.berea.edu/content.php?pid=339743&sid=2785296>

<http://www.jakekrack.com/>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shady_Grove_\(song\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shady_Grove_(song))

Next Generation Standards:

MH.K.WV.1.1

MH.K.WV.1.2

MH.K.WV.1.3

SS.K.WV.1

SS.K.WV.5