

West Virginia Music History Lesson Plan Sample

Lesson Plan Title: West Virginia Seasonal Songs

Creator: Work Group

Grade Level: 2

Subject: West Virginia Music History

Essential Questions:

Why are there songs specifically written about seasons of the year?

When did the tradition of seasonal songs start in America? In West Virginia?

What West Virginia musicians and songwriters wrote seasonal songs?

Activating Prior Knowledge:

The teacher shows videos of West Virginians singing holiday songs relative to the season the lesson is being taught (www.wvmusichalloffame.com). The teacher discusses the season and its importance in the history of America and West Virginia.

Vocabulary Development:

Frosty the Snowman (Jack Rollins), Peter Cottontail (Jack Rollins), Smoky the Bear (Jack Rollins/Steve Nelson), Mouse Song (Soupy Sales), Quiet Christmas (John Lilly/Bob Thompson), Christmas Angel (Larry Groce)

Active Participation/Group Activities:

Give cards with songwriters name and they have to pair up with the person who is holding the card with the song.

Matching games. Play Season Bingo: Children create Bingo card with the names of WV Songwriters and Holiday songs. Teacher calls out the names and children place buttons on the squares.

Students write a verse to seasonal song (including holiday songs)

Evaluation:

Students can name 3 West Virginia Songwriters that wrote seasonal songs.

Students can describe the impact of seasonal music on West Virginia culture.

Materials:

Construction paper, Buttons, Markers/Crayons, Scissors

Access to the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame Web site.

Websites:

<http://www.wvmusichalloffame.com>

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

Next Generation Standards

Music History

MH.2.WV.1.1

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MH.2.WV.1.4

Visual Arts

VA.O.2.6.01

VA.O.3.6.01

VA.O.3.6.02

Music

MU.O.GMK-2.4.04

MU.O.GMK-2.4.06

MU.O.GMK.2.4.07