

## **West Virginia Music History Lesson Plan Sample**

**Lesson Plan Title:** West Virginia Mambo

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**Grade Level:** 3

**Subject:** WV Music History and physical education

### **Essential Questions:**

- Why is it important to understand the history of West Virginia?
- Who is Michael Lipton and what has he contributed to music history in West Virginia?
- Who are the songwriters and musicians mentioned in this song?
- What are their contributions to music in West Virginia?
- What part of West Virginia history is spoken of in this song?
- What are the health benefits of exercise?

### **Activating Prior Knowledge:**

Students will view several performance videos, including the West Virginia Mambo. Students will view the Mambo instructional video. Teacher will discuss the points of history in the lyrics of the West Virginia Mambo and relate them to West Virginia history text book.

### **Vocabulary Development:**

Origin of the Mambo, Grapevine, box step, shuffle step, physical education, exercise, hillbilly

### **Active Participation/Group Activities:**

- Students will work as one group to learn the steps of the WV Mambo using the Instructional video.
- Students will be divided into two groups to practice the WV Mambo to music.
- The two student groups will compete to see which group can best perform all the steps of the Mambo.
- Compose your own verse to the West Virginia Mambo adding women who have shaped the history of West Virginia
- Invent your own dance moves to the West Virginia Mambo

### **Evaluation:**

The teacher will evaluate based on a provided rubric. Students will pair and share what they have learned about West Virginia history by comparing the lyrics of the WV Mambo to their history textbook.

### **Materials:**

Lyrics of the West Virginia Mambo  
Video Instruction of the WV Mambo  
Video performance of the WV Mambo

### **Websites:**

<http://www.wvmusichalloffame.com/>  
[www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org)

### **Next Generation Standards Reference:**

#### **Music History**

MH.3.WV.1.1  
MH.3.WV.1.3  
MH.3.WV.1.4

#### **Music**

MU.O.GM3-5.3.02  
MU.O.GM3-5.3.03  
MU.O.GM3-5.4.01  
MU.O.GM3-5.4.07

#### **Visual Art**

VA.O.3.6.01  
VA.O.3.6.02

#### **Dance**

D.O.L1.2.02  
D.O.L1.2.03  
D.O.L1.2.05  
D.O.L1.3.01  
D.O.L1.6.01

#### **Physical Education**

PE.5.1.04  
PE.5.3.01  
PE.5.3.02  
PE.5.3.03  
PE.5.3.05  
PE.5.3.6  
PE..5.5.01  
PE.5.5.04