"The multi-dimensional presentation challenged each student and myself to consider different ways of understanding how music affects culture and consequently, the world."

- Rockin' the Schools teacher participant
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ROCK AND ROLL BAND!: MEET THE INSTRUMENTS

SUGGESTED GRADE LEVEL: K-4
RELATED CONTENT AREAS:
In this exciting, interactive class, elementary school students examine the instrumentation of a rock band, discovering the low notes of the bass guitar, the pounding rhythms of the drums and percussion, the melodies and harmonies of guitars, keyboards, and more. Students have fun learning about the characteristics of the instruments and their sounds - and even perform along with the band! By investigating how musicians arrange the various instruments of a band, students discover how the different parts of classic rock and roll songs are created. This class includes historic video performances by Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Inductees, as well as live performances and demonstrations by the Rock Hall education ensemble. At the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum kids really do get a chance to ROCK!

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“TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD”: MUSIC AND THE LANGUAGE ARTS

SUGGESTED GRADE LEVEL: 1-4
RELATD CONTENT AREAS:
Many songs tell stories, describing characters and their adventures in particular places at particular times. This class looks at some of the great stories of rock and roll and examines how lyrics can establish a setting, introduce characters, and develop a plot. Through exciting recorded performances by Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Inductees like Aretha Franklin, the Beatles, Chuck Berry, and the Police, students learn how narrative can be developed. They will act out the undersea adventures of a “Yellow Submarine” and imagine what it would be like to be “Johnny B. Goode” by drawing what they hear and read in the lyrics, all while learning to summarize and retell the stories told through rock and roll.

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THE ROOTS OF ROCK AND ROLL: AN AMERICAN JOURNEY

SUGGESTED GRADE LEVEL: K-4 & 5-8

RELATED CONTENT AREAS:

In the 1950s a new and electrifying musical style called rock and roll swept the airwaves and grabbed the hearts of teenagers across the United States. This revolutionary music actually grew from strong roots in older styles such as blues, gospel, country, and rhythm and blues. Students examine classic video performances and recordings to see how musicians brought these earlier musical styles together and connected diverse aspects of American culture. The Roots of Rock and Roll is offered at two different grade levels. K-4 students will enjoy singing along with the Rock Hall education ensemble and using U.S. maps to explore various geographical regions of the United States, focusing on several key cities where the roots of rock and roll flourished. Students in grades 5-8 will dig deeper into the cultural meanings behind this music and analyze musical characteristics of each style.

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FROM FOUR TRACKS TO BREAK BEATS: MUSIC AND TECHNOLOGY

SUGGESTED GRADE LEVEL: 5-8 & 9-12

RELATED CONTENT AREAS:

Since the 1950s, rock and roll has been shaped by the craft and artistry of songwriters and performers who use innovative music technology to significantly impact the sound of recorded music. In this class, we will see how Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Inductees have used technology to record, manipulate and create the ever-changing sounds of popular music. Students take part in in-depth discussions of the earliest tape recorders used by Sam Phillips at Sun Records and the hip-hop beats of Roxanne Shante’s masterful emceeing. This class includes several interactive demonstrations in which students analyze the impact of music technology on a given sound. Don’t miss this chance to gain insight into the world of music production in a variety of styles - from rock to hip-hop.

rockhall.com/education/inside-the-classroom/rockin/4tracks

ROCK AND ROLL AND THE SCIENCE OF SOUND

SUGGESTED GRADE LEVEL: 5-8

RELATED CONTENT AREAS:

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“FIGHT THE POWER”: MUSIC AS A SOCIAL FORCE

SUGGESTED GRADE LEVEL: 7-12

RELATED CONTENT AREAS:

In many times and places, people have used music as a powerful tool for social change. The story of rock and roll overlaps with some of the most turbulent times in U.S. history. In the 1960s alone, American society was being torn apart by debates over the Cold War, the Civil Rights movement, the Women’s Liberation movement and the Vietnam War. Since that time and well into the present, musicians have entered such debates by spreading messages of revolution, protest, and empowerment through musical styles as diverse as folk, rock, and soul. This class features songs from the 1960s and early 1970s that have challenged audiences to consider the alternatives and make changes in our society. Students explore recordings and videos of legendary artists to examine expressions of social commentary contained in lyrics, performance styles, and historical images.

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“THE MESSAGE”: THE BIRTH OF HIP-HOP CULTURE

SUGGESTED GRADE LEVEL: 5-8 & 9-12

RELATED CONTENT AREAS:

In the early 1970s, the Bronx borough of New York City was home to the beginning of hip-hop culture. This class examines how young people responded to the social and economic crisis of the Bronx by creating hip-hop. By the 1980s, rap recordings took the voices of inner-city life into the mainstream, spreading it around the United States. Since then, parts of hip-hop culture - including the MC, the DJ, the graffiti writer and the break dancer - have become some of the most important forms of expression for young people throughout the world. Students will learn about history, along with the musical tracks and historical context.

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“TAKIN CARE OF BUSINESS”: A ROCK BAND FINANCE SIMULATION

SUGGESTED GRADE LEVEL: 7-12

RELATED CONTENT AREAS:

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WOMEN WHO ROCK: SONGWRITING AND POINT OF VIEW

SUGGESTED GRADE LEVEL: 7-12

RELATED CONTENT AREAS:

Songwriting is a powerful form of expression that allows musicians to convey personal feelings, describe the feelings of others and even draw attention to political and social issues. In order to communicate their point of view, songwriters must successfully write lyrics using rhyme scheme, metaphors and poetic devices and compose music employing melody, harmony, form. In this class, students will explore different song writing techniques used by female musicians from the 1960s until now in order to understand distinct musical styles and interpret point of view within cultural and historical terms. Students will analyze and contextualize the lyrics and music of the Crystals, Aretha Franklin, Patti Smith and Sara Bareilles, gaining new insight into the diverse roles that women play in the history of rock and roll.

https://rockhall.com/education/inside-the-classroom/rockin/songwriting

“A CLEVELAND IS THE CITY”: AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSIC IN NORTHEAST OHIO

SUGGESTED GRADE LEVEL: 5-8 & 9-12

RELATED CONTENT AREAS:

Cleveland has been a hotbed of different styles of music including gospel, rhythm and blues, vocal harmony, rock, pop, blues and hip-hop. Vital to the national popularization of rock and roll in the 1950s, Cleveland’s African-American artists kept their city on the map throughout the decades and continue to influence generations of musicians. This class will explore the impact and innovation of Cleveland artists including the Wings Over Jordan choir, the Moonglows, Robert Lockwood, Jr., the O’Jays, Bobby Womack, LeVert, Tracy Chapman and Kid Cudi.

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Mission Statement
WE ENGAGE, TEACH, AND INSPIRE THROUGH THE POWER OF ROCK AND ROLL.

2009 Inductee Darryl “DMC” McDaniels of the pivotal rap group Run-D.M.C. spoke to teachers around the country about the importance of music education at the Rock Hall’s 2009 Summer Teacher Institute.

“Hip-hop and rock and roll are the only things on the face of the earth that speak the voice of the people, the way it should be spoken and it can transform people’s lives… Maybe a kid wasn’t doing well in school but he liked a certain song and he was able to learn about history, economics, or mathematics… The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is making it their responsibility, because of their involvement, their dedication and their appreciation for rock and roll.”

– Darryl “DMC” McDaniels

“The music programs that the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame has for thousands of kids… are a great thing because for many years, they took music out of the public schools, out of the curriculum. For the Hall of Fame to bring this back and to contribute to helping kids really get into music… it’s just amazing. It’s a wonderful thing.”

– Ernest Wright, Jr of Little Anthony and the Imperials

TESTIMONIALS FROM LOCAL EDUCATORS:

“My students enjoyed the way in which the various intelligences (linguistic, interpersonal, musical, etc) were utilized during the course of the presentation.”

– Patricia O’Connor, 3rd, Scranton, Cleveland, OH

“The program is developmentally appropriate for primary grades. The facilitators were very welcoming, engaging, as well as entertaining. The program was very informative; short, simple, and to the point. My students really learned a lot and talked about how much fun they had.”

– Anonymous, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

“Many thanks to all the museum educators. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit and look forward to scheduling more. Your commitment to schools is clearly evident!”

– Gail Greenberg, Memorial, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

“The Education Department is already doing a stellar job! I am always impressed with their knowledge and professionalism, as well as their great sense of fun! I love what they’ve been doing with the website. It has really become a great resource/teaching tool.”

– Carey Perkins, St. Charles, Parma

“I felt that you went above and beyond!”

– Sheila Chamberlin, 8th, Clark, Cleveland, OH

“Our students with special needs have difficulty sitting for a long program and understanding [some] presentations, but your program was interactive, educational, fun, and our children were thoroughly engaged.”

– David Weiss, Occupational Therapist, Harbor Center

2009 Inductee Darryl “DMC” McDaniels

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LEARN about the men and women who have made rock and roll history.

What are their stories? What have they contributed to the history of popular music? How would you describe their musical skill and artistry? What makes them important figures musically and historically? What is (or will be) their legacy?

CHOOSE the artists that you feel deserve to be inducted.

What are the criteria for selection? What categories for induction are most important to you? How do you decide who makes the list (and who doesn’t)? Who would you choose to honor with induction?

DEFEND your decision and VOICE YOUR CHOICE.

Why do these artists deserve to be inducted? How can you convince others of their musical excellence? How would you persuade someone who knows nothing about them, or better yet, someone who is not a fan? Could you make the case for an artist that you don’t like?

VOICE your CHOICE

IT’S ONLY ROCK AND ROLL BUT WE LIKE IT… TELL US WHY YOU DO!

Leaders in the music industry joined together in 1983 to establish the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation. One of the Foundation’s many functions is to recognize the contributions of those who have had a significant impact on the evolution, development and perpetuation of rock and roll by inducting them into the Hall of Fame.

Factors such as an artist’s music influence on other artists, length and depth of career and body of work, and innovation and superiority in style and technique are all considered, but musical excellence is the essential qualification of induction.

What IS musical excellence? How do we begin to define and describe what makes rock and roll great? How would you explain what makes your favorite band or artist the best?

Being aware of your own musical likes and dislikes – and being able to communicate these likes and dislikes – is an essential critical thinking skill. But it takes practice to do it effectively.

HOW WOULD YOU VOICE YOUR CHOICE?

TEACHERS, visit the Voice Your Choice website to learn more:
rockhall.com/voiceyourchoice

NOW IT’S YOUR TURN...

Who would YOU choose to induct into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?

Who would you induct into your own Hall of Fame (ex. Female Musician Hall of Fame, Guitarist Hall of Fame, Music and Social Justice Hall of Fame)?

Create your own Inductee class, and VOICE YOUR CHOICE.
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Inductee Spotlights

Below are five Inductees that represent the scope of the music and musicians that we honor at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. Take a moment to reflect on each Inductee’s musical excellence. If you don’t know much about a certain Inductee, take the time to listen and learn more. What can YOU say about each Inductee’s impact on the evolution, development and overall excellence of rock and roll?

Chuck Berry

Inducted in 1986

One of rock’s earliest pioneers, Chuck Berry helped to create and popularize the music that would come to be known as rock and roll. Recording and performing songs he wrote himself, Berry captured the energy of teenage culture in the 1950s with hits like “Johnny B. Goode,” “School Days” and “You Can’t Catch Me.” Berry also helped to make the electric guitar one of the key components of the rock and roll sound.

How would you describe Chuck Berry’s guitar playing?
How does he compare to other great rock guitarists?

Black Sabbath

Inducted in 2006

In the late 1960s, Geezer Butler, Tony Iommi, Ozzy Osbourne and Bill Ward formed Black Sabbath in Birmingham, England. Their heavy, blasting, riff-based sound attracted a loyal underground following. Through the late 1970s, Black Sabbath’s albums and live shows forged the foundation of heavy metal music, style and culture.

What makes heavy metal music distinctive?
Can you hear and describe Black Sabbath’s influence in the music of other heavy metal bands?

Bruce Springsteen

Inducted in 1999

Bruce Springsteen began performing in rock bands when he was a teenager in the 1960s and released his first record in 1973. Influenced equally by soul music and bands like the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, Springsteen is known for his legendary live performances. He is also known for his powerful songwriting, writing songs that depict both everyday experience and larger social issues.

How would you describe Bruce Springsteen as a songwriter?
How have his songs had an impact on his audiences throughout his career?

Madonna

Inducted in 2008

Known as an innovator, Madonna has continually captivated audiences since she first began recording in 1982. One of the first pop icons of the MTV age, Madonna pushed the buttons and boundaries of the male-dominated music world. As singer, songwriter, performer, and record producer she has stayed true to her dance roots while keeping her finger on the pulse of what’s new.

How would you describe Madonna’s musical influence?
Can you list other artists that have been inspired by her music and performance style?

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THINK ABOUT IT...

IT’S NOT THAT EASY.

We all respond to the music that we hear – positively and negatively. But being able to truly evaluate the music that we listen to is much more difficult. Listening to, describing, and critiquing music is a skill. We might listen to rock and roll all the time, but how often do we really think about what we hear? Or describe what we hear so that others may want to listen?

Try it. Choose one of your favorite bands or artists and give five reasons why you think their music is excellent. Share your reasons with a classmate. Does your classmate agree? Why or why not? You just worked through two key components to understanding and evaluating music and appreciating rock and roll: aesthetic reflection and aesthetic judgment.

Aesthetic reflection is the act of becoming aware of one’s own process of understanding and responding to the arts; to examine how others respond to artistic expression.

Aesthetic judgment is the ability to form and articulate a critical argument based on aesthetic criteria.