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Lesson Title: Song Lyric Check-In			
LESSON FOUNDATIONS			
Learning Objective(s): Students will express their current emotional state through song lyrics. Students will practice active listening and empathy through sharing and discussing lyrics. Essential Questions/Enduring Understandings: What do I want my students to understand? How can music and lyrics express our emotions? How do we connect with others through shared musical experiences?		Materials/Resource(s):	
FOCUS STANDARDS/COMPETENCIES TO BE ADDRESSED AND ASSESSED IN CONTENT, ARTS, AND SEL			
Common Core State Standards: Mathematics Math English Language Arts ELA		CA Arts Standards:	









	MU:Pr4.3.5 - Demonstrate and explain how intent is conveyed through interpretive decisions and expressive qualities (such as dynamics, tempo, timbre, and articulation/style).
Next Generation Science Standards : NGSS History/Social Science HSS	Social Emotional Learning (SEL)- CASEL Competencies / Cultural Relevance: • Self-Awareness, Social Awareness, Relationship Skills

ELD STANDARDS: ACADEMIC LANGUAGE FOCUS TO MOST IMPROVE ACADEMIC LANGUAGE USE

English Language Development Standards: **ELD**

- Part I: Interacting in Meaningful Ways
- Part II: Learning About How English Works
- Domain: Speaking, Listening,

K-2nd Grade Standards:

- ELD.PI.K-2.1: Exchanging information and ideas (Collaborative): Students participate in exchanges of information and ideas in various contexts and ELD.PI.K-2.1: Exchanging information/ideas (Collaborative): Students contribute to conversations and express ideas by asking and answering yes-no and wh- questions and responding using short phrases.
- ELD.PI.K-2.3: Offering opinions (Collaborative): Students offer opinions and negotiate with others in conversations using basic learned phrases (e.g., I think X), as well as open responses.
- ELD.PII.K-6.5: Modifying to add details: Students expand sentences with adverbials (e.g., adverbs, adverb phrases, prepositional phrases) to provide details about their emotions and the lyrics they choose.

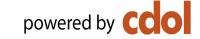
CA EL Roadmap Principles:

• Principle 1: Assets-Oriented and Needs-Responsive Schools This activity values young students' emotional experiences and their ability to express themselves through familiar song lyrics









• Principle 2: Intellectual Quality of Instruction and Meaningful Access Students engage in age-appropriate self-reflection and expression, connecting personal emotions to lyrical content.

3-6th Grade Standards:

- ELD.PI.3-6.1: Exchanging information/ideas (Collaborative): Students contribute to class, group, and partner discussions by following turn-taking rules, asking relevant questions, affirming others, and adding relevant information.
- ELD.PI.3-6.3: Offering opinions (Collaborative): Students offer opinions and negotiate with others in conversations using an expanded set of learned phrases (e.g., I agree with X, but...), as well as open responses.
- ELD.PII.K-6.5: Modifying to add details: Students expand sentences with adverbials (e.g., adverbs, adverb phrases, prepositional phrases) to provide details about their emotions and the lyrics they choose.

CA EL Roadmap Principles:

- Principle 1: Assets-Oriented and Needs-Responsive Schools This activity recognizes and builds upon students' cultural and linguistic assets by allowing them to choose lyrics that are meaningful to them.
- Principle 2: Intellectual Quality of Instruction and Meaningful Access Students engage in higher-order thinking by analyzing lyrics and connecting them to personal emotional states.

INSTRUCTION, PRACTICE, AND INTEGRATED/DESIGNATED ELD SUPPORTS

Number of Students: 20-30

Emerging:

- Students may write or draw simple emotions and match them to the provided song lyrics.
- Teachers offer substantial support in identifying and expressing emotions through lyrics.

Expanding:

- Students select lyrics that match their emotions and share them with basic explanations.
- Teachers provide moderate support in connecting lyrics to emotions.

Bridging:

Word Understanding:

Content Specific Vocabulary:

- Emerging: happy, sad, excited, lyrics
- Expanding: emotions, expression, interpret
- Bridging: convey, articulate, nuance

General Academic Vocabulary:

- Emerging: feel, think, like
- Expanding: describe, explain, compare
- Bridging: analyze, evaluate, synthesize

Cognates:

• Emotions (emociones), lyrics (letra), interpret (interpretar)









- Students independently select and analyze lyrics, explaining their emotional connections in detail.
- Students lead discussions about lyrical interpretations with minimal teacher support.

Direct Instruction & Modeling:

- Students independently write down lyrics that match their current emotions.
- Students share their selected lyrics in small groups or with the whole class.

Instructional Strategies & Scaffolding/ Differentiation for: For English Learners (ELs):

- Visual aids: Provide emotion charts with corresponding lyrics examples.
- Sentence frames: Offer structures like "I feel ____ because the lyrics say ____."
- Partner work: Pair ELs with proficient English speakers.
- Pre-teach vocabulary: Introduce key emotion words and common lyrical phrases.

Guided Practice:

- Students work in pairs to select lyrics and practice sharing them.
- Teacher circulates to provide support and encouragement.

Language Domains:

- 1. Listening: Students listen to their peers share song lyrics and explanations.
- 2. Speaking: Students share their chosen lyrics and explain their emotional connections.
- 3. Reading: Students read song lyrics (either from memory or provided lyric sheets).
- 4. Writing: Students write down the song lyrics that best describe their feelings.

Content Areas:







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- Multilingual resources: Allow students to share lyrics in their native language, then translate.
- Graphic organizers: Use charts to connect emotions with lyrics and explanations.
- TPR (Total Physical Response): Incorporate gestures for different emotions.
- Word banks: Provide lists of emotion words and useful phrases for sharing.
- Audio support: Allow students to listen to songs for context if needed.
- Translated instructions: Provide activity steps in students' home languages.

For Special Education (SPED) students:

- Multi-sensory approach: Include visual, auditory, and kinesthetic elements in the activity.
- Simplified instructions: Break down the task into clear, concise steps.
- Extended time: Allow extra time for processing and sharing.
- Alternative response methods: Accept drawing or acting out emotions instead of writing.
- Emotion scaling: Use a 1-5 scale for emotions if identifying specific feelings is challenging.
- Preferential seating: Position students where they can best focus and participate.
- Pre-selected lyrics: Offer a bank of lyrics to choose from if recall is difficult.
- Visual schedules: Provide a clear outline of the activity steps.

- 1. English Language Arts (ELA):
 - Reading comprehension (of song lyrics)
 - Vocabulary development
 - Figurative language interpretation
 - Oral communication skills
- 2. Music:
 - Lyrical analysis
 - Emotional expression through music
 - Music appreciation
- 3. Social-Emotional Learning (SEL):
 - Self-awareness (identifying and expressing emotions)
 - Social awareness (understanding others' perspectives)
 - Relationship skills (active listening, empathy)
- 4. Psychology:
 - Emotional intelligence
 - Self-reflection
- 5. Cultural Studies:
 - o Cultural expressions through music
 - Diversity of emotional expression across different musical genres
- 6. Performing Arts:
 - Vocal expression (if students choose to sing their lyrics)
 - o Performance skills (presenting lyrics to the class)
- 7. Technology (optional):
 - o If using digital devices to look up or play song snippets

Closure & Assessment:









- Frequent check-ins: Ensure understanding throughout the activity.
- Sensory tools: Provide fidget tools or noise-cancelling headphones if needed.

For Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) students:

- Complexity: Encourage analysis of multiple lyrics or entire songs.
- Abstract connections: Ask students to find unusual or metaphorical connections between lyrics and emotions.
- Cross-disciplinary integration: Connect lyrics to historical events or scientific concepts.
- Leadership roles: Have GATE students lead small group discussions.
- Creative extensions: Encourage students to write their own lyrics expressing complex emotions.
- Critical analysis: Compare and contrast different artists' approaches to expressing similar emotions.
- Mentorship: Connect students with local musicians or songwriters for deeper exploration.
- Independent projects: Allow students to create a presentation on music and emotion.
- Advanced vocabulary: Introduce more sophisticated emotional and musical terminology.
- Philosophical discussions: Explore the role of music in society and personal expression.

General strategies that can benefit all students:

• Flexible grouping: Vary between individual, pair, and group work.

- Students reflect on how hearing others' lyric choices affected their understanding of their peers.
- Teacher assesses students' ability to express emotions through lyrics and engage in respectful listening.

Formative Assessments of All Standards:

Ongoing & informal evaluations of student mastery that indicate reteaching/clarifying needs

Summative Assessments of All Standards:

Culminating event, portfolio, presentations, exam, etc.

- Content Standards-
- Arts Discipline-
- ELD-

Lesson Extensions:

-Student-Family/Community Engagement

Collaborative/Independent Practice:

- Teacher demonstrates how to select lyrics that match a current emotional state.
- Teacher models sharing lyrics and explaining the emotional connection.







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- Choice: Allow students to select their preferred method of sharing (speaking, writing, singing).
- Modeling: Demonstrate the process with your own example.
- Scaffolded practice: Gradually release responsibility to students.
- Culturally responsive teaching: Celebrate diversity in musical choices and emotional expression.
- Technology integration: Use music apps or websites to enhance the activity when appropriate.
- Reflection opportunities: Include time for students to think about their learning and emotional journey.
- Peer support: Encourage students to help each other with respectful feedback.
- Multiple means of representation: Present information in various formats (visual, auditory, kinesthetic).
- Safe space: Ensure a supportive, non-judgmental environment for sharing.