

# Grade 6



## Native American Music

**OBJECTIVE:** to learn about Native American music.

**DIRECTIONS:** Click on the links to learn about Native American music. There is nothing to turn in this week.

## Did you know?

Native Americans used music for emphasis in various parts of their lives. The music served different functions such as in healing ceremonies, work songs, storytelling, success in hunting, and socially for celebrations.

## Common Instruments

Drums, flutes, rattles and whistles were the main instruments the tribes used to accompany their singing. Instruments were made out of the materials from the world around them: trees, animal hides, ocean shells, reeds, turtle shells, goat nails, hooves from animals, gords, bones and many other mediums found in nature.

## Music and Dance

Dances also served various functions in everyday life of the tribes. They were used to celebrate wedding ceremonies, courtship, a successful harvest, healing, storytelling and other social occasions. Click on this link below about dance and describe one of the dances, its function and how the costume complimented the dance.

## [Native American Dance/Regalia](#)

Would you like to learn a few pow wow steps? Watch the video below to learn a few of the dance steps!

## [Dance Steps for Pow Wow](#)



Would you like to make up your own pow wow dance??

Use the music below and see what you come up with!!

### Music for Dancing Pow Wow

I hope you enjoyed learning about the Native Americans and the importance of music in their lives!!

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