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USING MUSIC TO ENHANCE HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS



HOWARD GARDNER

In 1983 Howard Gardner presented his theory of Multiple Intelligence. He stated that there are many forms of intelligence, and all individuals do not learn the same.

- a. Visual – Spatial
- b. Linguistic
- c. Logical – Mathematical
- d. Bodily – Kinesthetic
- e. Interpersonal





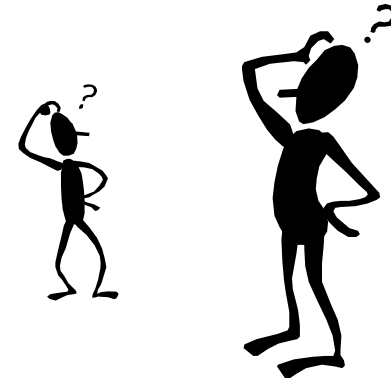
- ❑ f. Intrapersonal
- ❑ g. Musical
- ❑ h. Most recently – Naturalist

The Multiple Intelligence teaching model emphasizes education for understanding rather than rote memory of the mimicking of skills.

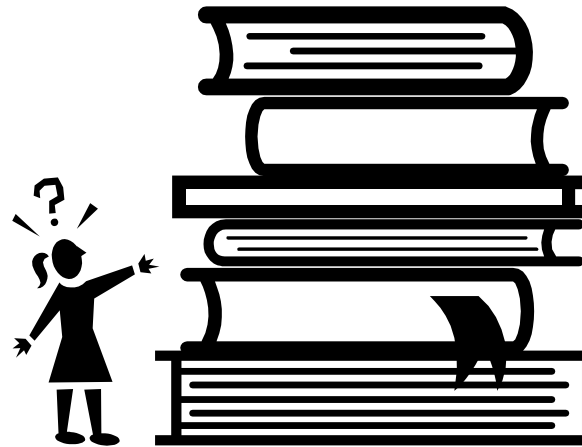
Music helps students learn because it will:

- ❑ Establish a positive learning state
- ❑ Create a desired atmosphere
- ❑ Build a sense of anticipation
- ❑ Energize learning activities
- ❑ Increase attention
- ❑ Add an element of fun
- ❑ Facilitate a multisensory learning experience





WHAT ARE SPECIFIC WAYS MUSIC CAN BE USED IN THE CLASSROOM?





- ❑ Music will activate students mentally, physically, and emotionally.
 - a. Vocabulary and reading material is remembered at a great rate.
- ❑ The Three A's
 - a. Attention
 - b. Attitude
 - c. Atmosphere





- ❑ Community Builder
 - a. Creates a positive environment
 - b. Enhances Student Interaction
 - c. Helps students understand different cultures

- ❑ Promotes Creativity and Reflection

- a. Expresses inner thoughts
- b. Students will find it easier to express how they feel about issues being discussed





ACTIVITY



Main Idea and Supporting Details



Recap of activity:

- ❑ Have students bring in a musical selection with a copy of the lyrics for everyone in the class.
- ❑ Ask other students to identify the main idea of the song.
- ❑ Ask students to locate supporting details that back up the main idea in the song.
- ❑ Have an open discussion about these points with the class.





E.A. Poe

Another way to integrate music in the classroom involves the following activity:

- Ask students to select a musical selection that works well with a literary component (like theme, character, setting) and have them write a brief paragraph or essay on their choice.



Shakespeare

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