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Music Model Cornerstone Assessment

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Artistic
Processes

Artistic Process: Responding
5th Grade General Music

Anchor Standards / Enduring Understandings / Essential Questions

Common Anchor #7:	Analyze how the structure and context of varied musical works inform the response.
Enduring Understandings	Individuals' selection of musical works is influenced by their interests, experiences, understandings.
Essential Question(s)	How do individuals choose music to experience?
Enduring Understanding	Response to music is informed by analyzing context (social, cultural, and historical) and how creators and performers manipulate the elements of music.
Essential Question(s)	How does understanding the structure and context of music inform a response?
Common Anchor #8:	Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.
Enduring Understandings	Through their use of elements and structures of music, creators and performers provide clues to their expressive intent.
Essential Question(s)	How do we discern the musical creators' and performers' expressive intent?
Common Anchor #9:	Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work .
Enduring Understandings	The personal evaluation of musical work(s) and performance(s) is informed by analysis, interpretation, and established criteria.
Essential Question(s)	How do we judge the quality of musical work(s) and performance(s)?

Intent of the Model Cornerstone Assessments

Model Cornerstone Assessments (MCAs) in music assessment frameworks to be used by music teachers within their school's curriculum to measure student attainment of process components defined by performance standards in the National Core Music Standards. They focus on one or more Artistic Process (i.e., Creating, Performing, or Responding) and designed as a series of curriculum-embedded assessment tasks, each of which measures students' ability to carry out one or more process components. The MCAs can be used as formative and summative indications of learning, but do not indicate quality of teaching or effectiveness of a school's music program.

Although each MCA is designed so that it can be administered within an instructional sequence or unit, teachers may choose to spread the component parts of one MCA across multiple units or projects. Student

Using the MCA document

MCAs are presented as a framework upon which each program integrate into their current curriculum. An example is provided that demonstrates the integration of curricular content. These examples are the specific tasks presented in the national pilot and may be used as it if the program so desires. Each MCA is available in a .pdf format with links for easy navigation within the document with external links for .doc versions of worksheets. The next page provides the assessment description with each bubble being a link to a detailed description of the assessment.

General Description of the Assessment Task

Using pieces currently integrated into classroom instruction or musical pieces studied independently, students will select specific sections that exemplify technical/stylistic/artistic challenges to overcome; work toward improving the performance quality of identified challenges; demonstrate and document processes for addressing the challenges; demonstrate and reflect upon achievement. Individual teachers can determine the length of time required to complete the assessment, but Assessment Strategy 1 could occur in one class period, Assessment Strategy 2 and Assessment Strategy 3 could occur within one class period.

Assessment view

Model Cornerstone Assessment, 5th grade General Music: Responding

Perceive and Analyze Work

Select

MU:Re7.1.5a Demonstrate and explain, *citing evidence*, how selected music connects to and is influenced by specific interests, experiences, **purposes**, or **contexts**.

Analyze

MU:Re7.2.5a Demonstrate and explain, *citing evidence*, how responses to music are informed by the **structure**, the use of the **elements of music**, and **context** (such as **social**, **cultural**, and **historical**).

Interpret

MU:Re8.1.5a Demonstrate and explain how the **expressive qualities** (such as **dynamics**, **tempo**, **timbre**, and **articulation**) are used in performers' and personal **interpretations** to reflect **expressive intent**.

Evaluate

MU:Re9.1.5a Evaluate musical works and performances, applying **established criteria**, and explain appropriateness to the **context**, *citing evidence from the elements of music*.

Assessment Strategies

Assessment 1 -Teacher presents the lyrics to a cultural/historical piece associated from your curriculum for students to interpret how the message of the song connects to the learned historical/cultural/ethnic constructs.

Assessment 2 -Students analyze the use of the elements of music in the three presented performances.

Assessment 3 -Students evaluate the appropriateness of recorded performances to the context and will support expressive qualities of musical works that reflect expressive intent.

Assessment 4 -Students explain, *citing evidence*, how selected music relates to specific interest.

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Responding Scoring Device

Achievement Category	Level 1 Emerging	Level 2 Approaches Criterion	Level 3 Meets Criterion	Level 4 Exceeds Criterion	Performance Standards
Interpret - Support expressive qualities of musical works that reflect expressive intent.					
Interpreting Qualities (Assessment 1)	Provided limited description of how the lyrics reflect the expressive intent of the music, which is to communicate about the shaker lifestyle.	Describes with some inaccuracies how the lyrics reflect the expressive intent of the music, which is to communicate about the shaker lifestyle.	Accurately described how the lyrics reflect the expressive intent of the music, which is to communicate about the shaker lifestyle.	Accurately described with expanded detail or insight how the lyrics reflect the expressive intent of the music, which is to communicate about the shaker lifestyle.	MU:Re8.1.5a Demonstrate and explain how the expressive qualities (such as dynamics, tempo, timbre, and articulation) are used in performers' and personal interpretations to reflect expressive intent .
Interpreting Qualities (Assessment 3)	Provided limited rationale which version best reflected the purpose and context of the Shaker Life, citing lyrics and/or elements of music reflect the expressive intent of the music.	Described with some inaccuracies which version best reflected the purpose and context of the Shaker Life, citing lyrics and/or elements of music reflect the expressive intent of the music.	Provided reasonable rationale of which version best reflected the purpose and context of the Shaker Life, citing lyrics and/or elements of music reflect the expressive intent of the music.	Provided insightful rationale of which version best reflected the purpose and context of the Shaker Life, citing lyrics and/or elements of music reflect the expressive intent of the music.	
Analyze - Analyze the use of the elements of music in the performance.					
Reflection (Assessment 2)	Identified elements of music and structural components without connection to informed response.	Suggested general ideas as to how response is informed by elements of music and structural components.	Cited evidence how response is informed by elements of music and structural components.	Demonstrated enhanced insight into how response is informed by elements of music and structural components.*	MU:Re7.2.5a Demonstrate and explain, <i>citing evidence</i> , how responses to music are informed by the structure , the use of the elements of music , and context (such as social, cultural, and historical).
Evaluate - Evaluate the appropriateness of the performance to the context.					
Selecting Best Representation of Expressive Intent (Assessment 2)	Cited inappropriate criteria used to evaluate appropriate representation of expressive intent citing evidence from the elements of music.	Cited limited criteria used to evaluate appropriate representation of expressive intent citing evidence from the elements of music.	Cited reasonable criteria used to evaluate appropriate representation of expressive intent citing evidence from the elements of music.	Cited insightful criteria used to evaluate appropriate representation of expressive intent citing evidence from the elements of music.	MU:Re9.1.5a Evaluate musical works and performances , applying established criteria , and explain appropriateness to the context , <i>citing evidence from the elements of music</i> .
Select - Explain, citing evidence, how selected music relates to specific interest (personal).					
Connections (Assessment 4)	Selected, but provided limited description as to interests, experiences, purposes, or contexts supporting their preferred performance.	Selected and briefly described interests, experiences, purposes, or contexts supporting their preferred performance.	Selected and described interests, experiences, purposes, or contexts supporting their preferred performance.	Selected and described with expanded detail and insight interests, experiences, purposes, or contexts supporting their preferred performance.	MU:Re7.1.5a Demonstrate and explain, <i>citing evidence</i> , how selected music connects to and is influenced by specific interests, experiences, purposes , or contexts .

(Note from the pilot: the level marked with * was seldom used)

Assessment Strategy (Interpret, Analyze, Evaluate, and Select)

MU:Re7.1.5a, MU:Re7.2.5a, MU:Re8.1.5a, MU:Re9.1.5a

Prerequisite Skills and Knowledge

- Understanding how music is influenced by interests, experiences, understandings, and purposes through learning information about the music, culture, historical era, lyrics, etc.
- Explain why music may interest them (students).
- Because of their experiences, what they understand about music, and the purposes for which music is created.
- The definitions of elements of music (articulation, dynamics, harmony, style, tempo, timbre, and texture).
- Know what an arrangement of a piece of music is.
- Label elements of music while listening to music.
- Understands how music elements such as articulation, dynamics, tempo, and timbre help the performer interpret and reflect the expressive intent of music.
- Understands how lyrics reflect expressive intent.
- Knowledge of criteria for judging the quality of musical work(s) and performance(s).
- Ability to evaluate musical work(s) and performance(s) using specific criteria based on the elements of music.
- Understand the criteria used for judging the quality of musical work(s) and performance(s).
- Evaluate musical work(s) and performance(s) using specific criteria based on the elements of music.

Teacher Preparation

- Select a musical piece with lyrics that is appropriate your school’s curriculum that addresses an historical/cultural/ethnicity construct. Create a document of text and images and finds a short video to describe the historical/cultural/ethnicity construct appropriate for the level of your students. Find three varied performances (audio and/or video) of a composition that reflects the curricular construct.
- Confirm access to the performance examples (YouTube, CD, NPR, etc.), able to project audio and video for the class, and has prepared the video so that ads don’t appear during class.
- Printed sufficient copies of [Worksheet](#).
- Make copies of the document that provides context of the historical/cultural/ethnicity construct.
 - *(for an example, you might consider looking at or using the materials used during the pilot: [Shaker History](#)).*
- Become familiar with the criteria on the [scoring device](#). Review with the students the elements of music found in the [Worksheet](#).
- Confirm student understanding for the definition of “arrangement” — adapting a piece of music to be performed in a way different than originally intended.

<p>Assessment Environment Setup</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assure that all students are seated comfortably and can easily view the video and hear the music. • Each student must have a writing utensil and packet of material (Worksheet, History/Cultural/Ethnicity Document, and scoring rubric). • Ask students to listen intently and participate as requested. • Teacher plays the prepared video to familiarize the students with the historical/cultural/ethnicity construct. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (the video used for the pilot was Hancock Shaker Village in Pittsfield, MA describing the Shaker lifestyle and culture). • Students read as a group the History/Cultural/Ethnicity Document and discuss the text and images. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (for the pilot, students discussed the products make by the Shaker culture shown at the bottom of the page Shaker History. The teacher and students discussed what makes the Shaker lifestyle simple). • Students listen to three recordings (audio only if they are YouTube) of the piece selected for this assessment that reflects the Historical/Cultural/ Ethnicity construct. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For the pilot, Simple Gifts was the focus. The recorders used were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Simple Gifts (Shaker Hymn) by Joseph Brackett (1797–1882) sung Acapella. ▪ Simple Gifts with Yo-Yo Ma and Alison Krauss. ▪ Simple Gifts from Appalachian Spring by Aaron Copland. ○ Additional viewing of Simple Gifts included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ President Barrack Obama’s Inauguration – Yo-Yo Ma, cellist, Itzak Perlman, violin, and Anthony McGill, Clarinet ▪ Watch Martha Graham’s Appalachian Spring by Aaron Copland ▪ Watch Blast’s version of Simple Gifts
<p>Assessment</p>	<p>The teacher will :</p> <p>Assessment 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have student read the lyrics of the piece and complete question 1 of the worksheet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (the lyrics used for the pilot can be found on this worksheet: Simple Gifts lyrics).

Assessment 2

- Performance 1 - Play the first recording again, then the students check the boxes in the elements of music found in this arrangement by checking the correct box in the column below the performance number.
- Performance 2 - Play the second recording again, then the students check the boxes in the elements of music found in this arrangement by checking the correct box in the column below the performance number.
- Performance 3 – Play the third recording again, then the students check the boxes in the elements of music found in this arrangement by checking the correct box in the column below the performance number.

Assessment 3

Student selects the piece that they feel best reflects the purpose and context.

- Student checks performance preferred.
- Students use the lyrics and the chart from to explain evidence using music vocabulary.

Assessment 4

Students select which performance they liked best.

- Student checks performance preferred.
- Students explain, citing evidence, how their preferred performance relates to their personal interests.

Teacher scores student work using the [Scoring Device](#).

Responding Worksheet p.2

Assessment 2. Select the qualities of the elements of music that you hear in each recording. Check all that apply.

Elements of Music	Performance 1	Performance 2	Performance 3
Beat/Meter	<input type="checkbox"/> Duple <input type="checkbox"/> Triple	<input type="checkbox"/> Duple <input type="checkbox"/> Triple	<input type="checkbox"/> Duple <input type="checkbox"/> Triple
Dynamics	<input type="checkbox"/> Forte <input type="checkbox"/> Piano <input type="checkbox"/> Dynamic Changes	<input type="checkbox"/> Forte <input type="checkbox"/> Piano <input type="checkbox"/> Dynamic Changes	<input type="checkbox"/> Forte <input type="checkbox"/> Piano <input type="checkbox"/> Dynamic Changes
Harmony	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Tempo	<input type="checkbox"/> Largo <input type="checkbox"/> Andante <input type="checkbox"/> Allegro <input type="checkbox"/> Tempo Changes	<input type="checkbox"/> Largo <input type="checkbox"/> Andante <input type="checkbox"/> Allegro <input type="checkbox"/> Tempo Changes	<input type="checkbox"/> Largo <input type="checkbox"/> Andante <input type="checkbox"/> Allegro <input type="checkbox"/> Tempo Changes
Timbre	Voice <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Child Instrumentation <input type="checkbox"/> Woodwinds <input type="checkbox"/> Brass <input type="checkbox"/> Percussion <input type="checkbox"/> Strings	Voice <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Child Instrumentation <input type="checkbox"/> Woodwinds <input type="checkbox"/> Brass <input type="checkbox"/> Percussion <input type="checkbox"/> Strings	Voice <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Child Instrumentation <input type="checkbox"/> Woodwinds <input type="checkbox"/> Brass <input type="checkbox"/> Percussion <input type="checkbox"/> Strings
Texture	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Part <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Parts <input type="checkbox"/> 3 or More Parts	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Part <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Parts <input type="checkbox"/> 3 or More Parts	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Part <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Parts <input type="checkbox"/> 3 or More Parts
Reflection	Performance 1	Performance 2	Performance 3
How do the elements of music and structural components identified for each performance affect a listener's response?			
Which version do you feel best represents the expressive intent and what criteria did you use to make that choice?			

Differentiation Strategies

(Instructional approaches that respond to individual student needs and strengths to maximize student learning and success.)

Resource: (sample) <http://www.ascd.org/publications/books/100216/chapters/Understanding-Differentiated-Instruction@-Building-a-Foundation-for-Leadership.aspx>

- pre-assess to determine levels of student prior knowledge and abilities
- determine and teach to reduce learning gaps allowing alternative forms of communicating expectations to students as needed
- create independent enrichment/enhanced work for students who show mastery
- group students to accommodate learning needs
- use provocative, complex questioning to stimulate high level thinking
- devise open-ended tasks to allow students of all ability levels to achieve success at their own levels
- tier tasks to address levels of abilities and support students within each tier,
- assure that students are given choice in tasks in order to address their learning styles, interests, etc.
- allow students to respond to tasks in alternative ways if the defined response in the MCA hinders an individual's means of demonstrating learning.

Extension Experience: Have students write in journals and/or essays reflecting on their composition experiences. Using the language of the Composition Rubric, they should include why their melody worked or didn't work, what they will do differently in their next compositions, and an assessment of their efforts on the project. A brief reminder of the Six-Trait Writing Model might be in order.