

# 7/8th Music Appreciation

Fine Arts

Grade(s) 7th - 8th, Duration 1 Year, 1 Credit  
Elective Course

## Course Overview

The 8th Grade Music Appreciation is a continuation of the sequential time periods and genres started in 7th Grade Music Appreciation. Here, in 8th Grade we start with American Folk Music in Unit 1 and how it was shaped through the 20th century.

In Unit 2 students will discover, identify, and analyze influential Rock musicians in the 20th century.

In Unit 3 students will continue that sequence through the Pop music genre and into the 21st century.

Students will be able to identify songs from historical time periods. Students will be able to identify facts related to the world around them how music influenced culture. Students will have an awareness of influential figures in music history.

Timeframe	Unit	Scope And Sequence
		Instructional Topics
3 Week(s)	Instrument Families	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Strings</li><li>2. Woodwinds</li><li>3. Brass</li><li>4. Percussion</li><li>5. Instrument Research Project</li><li>6. Design Your Own Musical Instrument</li></ol>
12 Day(s)	Music Around the World	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Australian Music</li><li>2. Native American Music</li><li>3. Latin American Music</li><li>4. African Music</li><li>5. Middle Eastern Music</li><li>6. Indian Music</li><li>7. Chinese Music</li><li>8. Indonesian Music</li><li>9. Japanese Music</li></ol>
18 Day(s)	Music Through the Decades	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 1920's: The Roaring 20's</li><li>2. 1930's- Swing Music</li><li>3. 1940's Big Band/ Jazz/ Swing Music</li><li>4. 1950's: Rock and Roll Revolution</li><li>5. 1960's Pop Music</li><li>6. 1970's - Disco Era</li><li>7. 1980's- The Electrifying 80's</li><li>8. 1990's- Grunge and Hip Hop Music</li><li>9. 2000's Music- The New Millennium</li></ol>
4 Week(s)	Composers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Johannes Brahms</li><li>2. Aaron Copland</li><li>3. Frederic Chopin</li><li>4. Benjamin Britten</li><li>5. Ludwig Van Beethoven</li><li>6. Johann Sebastian Bach</li><li>7. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart</li><li>8. Richard Wagner</li><li>9. Pyotr Tchaikovsky</li><li>10. George Frideric Handel</li><li>11. Franz Schubert</li><li>12. Franz Liszt</li><li>13. Composer Comparison Timeline</li></ol>
2 Week(s)	Musicals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Sound of Music</li><li>2. Hairspray</li><li>3. Singing in the Rain</li><li>4. Annie</li><li>5. Beauty and the Beast</li></ol>
3 Week(s)	Careers in Music	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Musician</li><li>2. Music Teacher</li><li>3. Music Producer</li><li>4. Music Therapist</li><li>5. Sound Engineer</li><li>6. Composer</li></ol>
3 Week(s)	Music & Technology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Life in songs Project</li><li>2. Class Lip Dub</li><li>3. Evolution of Recording Technology</li><li>4. Evolution of Musical Instruments</li><li>5. Streaming and Social Media</li></ol>

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## Course Details

### Unit: Instrument Families

Duration: 3 Week(s)

#### Unit Description

This unit will focus on the four instrument families; strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion. Understand the classification and characteristics of each instrument family.

- Defining each instrument and their respective families
- Watch a video on the history of musical instruments

#### Topic: Strings

Duration: 2 Day(s)

##### Topic Description (short)

Identify instruments within the string family and describe their features.

- Characteristics of string instruments
- examples include - viola, violin, cello, double bass

#### Topic: Woodwinds

Duration: 2 Day(s)

##### Topic Description (short)

- Characteristics of woodwinds

types of woodwinds - reed vs non- reed

examples- flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon

#### Topic: Brass

Duration: 2 Day(s)

##### Topic Description (short)

- Characteristics of brass instruments

materials used in brass construction

examples- trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba

#### Topic: Percussion

Duration: 2 Day(s)

##### Topic Description (short)

- Characteristics of percussion instruments

examples- drums, cymbals, marimba, xylophone

#### Topic: Instrument Research Project

Duration: 3 Day(s)

##### Topic Description (short)

Research the following 4 string instruments, 4 woodwinds, 3 brass and 2 percussion instruments of your choice. Identify the following about each instrument you choose.

Name of instrument

Family

Description of its appearance

Description of its sound

How sound is produced

Sketch

Any additional facts about the instrument.

#### Topic: Design Your Own Musical Instrument

Duration: 4 Day(s)

##### Topic Description (short)

Create your own musical instrument after learning about the various characteristics and qualities of instruments.

### Unit: Music Around the World

Duration: 12 Day(s)

#### Unit Description

This unit will focus on music from countries around the world. Exploring the traditions and instruments used to create the unique sounds heard around the world.

#### Topic: Australian Music

Duration: 2 Day(s)

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## Topic Description (short)

Understand diversity and cultural significance of Australian music.

Identify and understand traditional instruments used by locals to Australia.

## Topic: Native American Music

Duration: 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Understand diversity and cultural significance of Native American music.

Identify and understand traditional instruments used by Native Americans.

## Topic: Latin American Music

Duration: 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Understand diversity and cultural significance of Latin American music.

Identify and understand traditional instruments used by Latin Americans .

## Topic: African Music

Duration: 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Understand diversity and cultural significance of African music.

Identify and understand traditional instruments used by locals of Africa.

## Topic: Middle Eastern Music

Duration: 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Understand diversity and cultural significance of Middle Eastern music.

Identify and understand traditional instruments used by locals of the middle east.

## Topic: Indian Music

Duration: 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Understand diversity and cultural significance of Indian music.

Identify and understand traditional instruments used by locals to India.

## Topic: Chinese Music

Duration: 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Understand diversity and cultural significance of Chinese music.

Identify and understand traditional instruments used by locals to China.

## Topic: Indonesian Music

Duration: 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Understand diversity and cultural significance of Indonesian music.

Identify and understand traditional instruments used by locals to Indonesia.

## Topic: Japanese Music

Duration: 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Understand diversity and cultural significance of Japanese music.

Identify and understand traditional instruments used by locals to Japan.

## Unit: Music Through the Decades

Duration: 18 Day(s)

## Unit Description

Learn about the evolution of music through the decades and its impact on culture.

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- factors influencing musical change
- listen to different music samples from each decade
- technologies impact and influence on music production
- influence of the internet and streaming services

## **Topic:** 1920's: The Roaring 20's

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

### **Topic Description (short)**

Explore the origins and rise of Jazz music in the 1920's

- Key figures in Jazz
- Cultural impact of Jazz music
- Understand Jazz influence on dance styles and social culture

## **Topic:** 1930's- Swing Music

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

### **Topic Description (short)**

Explore the origins and rise of swing music of the 30's

- influential figures in swing music
- listen to popular swing music
- cultural impact of swing music

## **Topic:** 1940's Big Band/ Jazz/ Swing Music

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

### **Topic Description (short)**

Explore the origins and rise of big band/ jazz and swing music of the 1940's

- key figures in music of the 40's
- listen to music from the 40's

## **Topic:** 1950's: Rock and Roll Revolution

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

### **Topic Description (short)**

Analyze how Rock and Roll emerged as a dominate genre of music in the 1950's

- Influences on Rock and Roll
- Impact the music had on teens and society
- key figures who shaped rock and roll
- popular music of the era

## **Topic:** 1960's Pop Music

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

### **Topic Description (short)**

Explore the surge in Pop music of the 60's and its global reach

- The Beatles and Beatlemania
- Influence of television on music popularity
- understand how music became a vehicle for protest and change

## **Topic:** 1970's - Disco Era

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

### **Topic Description (short)**

Delve into the Disco era and its influence on nightlife and fashion

- characteristics of Disco music
- variety of genres that thrived alongside Disco
- famous figures in the 70's

## **Topic:** 1980's- The Electrifying 80's

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

### **Topic Description (short)**

Study the rise of electronic music and New Wave of the 80's

- use of synthesizers in music
- influential figures in New wave bands
- understand how MTV changed music promotion and consumption

## **Topic:** 1990's- Grunge and Hip Hop Music

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

### **Topic Description (short)**

Explore Grunge and Hip Hop music of the 90's and its cultural significance

- Origin of Grunge in Seattle
- Examine Hip Hops growth into a dominant musical and cultural force

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**Topic:** 2000's Music- The New Millennium

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Recognize the diversity of music genres and fusion styles in the new millennium

- emergence of EDM, K-pop and Indie music
- cross cultural collaborations in music
- understand the transition of digital music formats and streaming services
- rise of MP3 and Napster
- dominance of platforms like Spotify and Apple music

## Unit: Composers

**Duration:** 4 Week(s)

### Unit Description

Understand the evolution of musical composition from ancient times to present.

- early music and its characteristics
- the influence of the church on music

Recognize key composers and their works that shaped musical history.

- key composers of the baroque, classical, and baroque eras

### Academic Vocabulary

musical pioneer, biography, debut, legacy, icon

**Topic:** Johannes Brahms

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Discover the history behind each composer

- Family
- Early life
- Most famous works
- Biggest accomplishments

**Topic:** Aaron Copland

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Discover the history behind each composer

- Family
- Early life
- Most famous works
- Biggest accomplishments

**Topic:** Frederic Chopin

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Discover the history behind each composer

- Family
- Early life
- Most famous works
- Biggest accomplishments

**Topic:** Benjamin Britten

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Discover the history behind each composer

- Family
- Early life
- Most famous works
- Biggest accomplishments

**Topic:** Ludwig Van Beethoven

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Discover the history behind each composer

- Family
- Early life

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- Most famous works
- Biggest accomplishments

**Topic:** Johann Sebastian Bach

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Discover the history behind each composer

- Family
- Early life
- Most famous works
- Biggest accomplishments

**Topic:** Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Discover the history behind each composer

- Family
- Early life
- Most famous works
- Biggest accomplishments

**Topic:** Richard Wagner

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Discover the history behind each composer

- Family
- Early life
- Most famous works
- Biggest accomplishments

**Topic:** Pyotr Tchaikovsky

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Discover the history behind each composer

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**Topic:** George Frideric Handel

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Discover the history behind each composer

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- Early life
- Most famous works
- Biggest accomplishments

**Topic:** Franz Schubert

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Discover the history behind each composer

- Family
- Early life
- Most famous works
- Biggest accomplishments

**Topic:** Franz Liszt

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

## Topic Description (short)

Discover the history behind each composer

- Family
- Early life

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- Most famous works
- Biggest accomplishments

**Topic:** Composer Comparison Timeline

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

**Topic Description (short)**

Timeline comparing accomplishments, birthdates and interesting facts of all composers

## Unit: Musicals

**Duration:** 2 Week(s)

**Unit Description**

Understand the basic components and elements of a musical.

- definition of a musical
  - components- music, lyrics and script
  - difference between musicals and plays
- Explore the origins and early development of musical theater

**Topic:** The Sound of Music

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

**Topic Description (short)**

Explore the elements used in the musical  
Compare the differences between the real life Van Trapp family versus the family in the musical

**Topic:** Hairspray

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

**Topic Description (short)**

Explore the element used in the musical  
Research the historical pieces behind the musical

**Topic:** Singing in the Rain

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

**Topic Description (short)**

Explore the historical context of voiceless musicals to the first voiced musical and how this shaped the future of musicals

**Topic:** Annie

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

**Topic Description (short)**

Compare original Annie to the modern day version of Annie  
Study the significance of the songs within the movie

**Topic:** Beauty and the Beast

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

## Unit: Careers in Music

**Duration:** 3 Week(s)

**Unit Description**

- Explore different roles within the field of music.
- Identify skills and qualifications needed for various music careers
  - understand importance of networking and collaboration in the music field
  - discuss potential rewards and challenges in the music field

**Topic:** Musician

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

**Topic Description (short)**

Research key roles in the musician industry  
Responsibilities & skills required for the job  
Expected salary of someone in this field  
Required schooling to become successful in the field

**Topic:** Music Teacher

**Duration:** 2 Day(s)

**Topic Description (short)**

Research key roles in the musician industry  
Responsibilities & skills required for the job  
Expected salary of someone in this field  
Required schooling to become successful in the field

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## Topic: Music Producer

Duration: 2 Day(s)

### Topic Description (short)

Research key roles in the musician industry  
Responsibilities & skills required for the job  
Expected salary of someone in this field  
Required schooling to become successful in the field

## Topic: Music Therapist

Duration: 2 Day(s)

### Topic Description (short)

Research key roles in the musician industry  
Responsibilities & skills required for the job  
Expected salary of someone in this field  
Required schooling to become successful in the field

## Topic: Sound Engineer

Duration: 2 Day(s)

### Topic Description (short)

Research key roles in the musician industry  
Responsibilities & skills required for the job  
Expected salary of someone in this field  
Required schooling to become successful in the field

## Topic: Composer

Duration: 2 Day(s)

### Topic Description (short)

Research key roles in the musician industry  
Responsibilities & skills required for the job  
Expected salary of someone in this field  
Required schooling to become successful in the field

## Unit: Music & Technology

Duration: 3 Week(s)

### Unit Description

Explore the evolution and influence technology has played on music throughout the years  
-Social Media  
-Streaming Platforms

## Topic: Life in songs Project

Duration: 3 Day(s)

### Topic Description (short)

Create a montage of personalized songs choices representing ones own life story.

## Topic: Class Lip Dub

Duration: 5 Day(s)

### Topic Description (short)

Research the popular lip dub trend that is going around social media  
- Create a lip dub as a class incorporating elements of music

## Topic: Evolution of Recording Technology

Duration: 2 Day(s)

## Topic: Evolution of Musical Instruments

Duration: 2 Day(s)

### Topic Description (short)

Explore the evolution of musical instruments over time

## Topic: Streaming and Social Media

Duration: 2 Day(s)

### Topic Description (short)

Influence of social media and streaming services on artists  
- Youtube  
-Apple Music  
- Spotify



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- Social Media platforms - tik tok, instagram, facebook ect