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Integrated learning solutions

## READING WITH CUPS...AND MORE!

Grade Band: 2-3

Content Focus: Music & ELA



### LEARNING DESCRIPTION

Help students explore and connect the worlds of music and language arts while cultivating creative and critical thinking using various activities that support and improve literacy!

### LEARNING TARGETS

| Essential Questions  | "I Can" Statements  |
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| How do music and language arts naturally overlap to promote literacy and cultivate creative and critical thinking? | <p>I can write a narrative inspired by music.</p> <p>I can compose a rhythmic pattern using cups.</p> <p>I can perform a poem to accompany my rhythmic pattern.</p> |

### GEORGIA STANDARDS



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| Curriculum Standards  | Arts Standards  |
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| <p><b>Grade 2:</b><br/>           ELAGSE2RF4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.<br/>           a. Read on-level text with purpose and understanding. b. Read on-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings. c. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary. d. Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.</p> <p>ELAGSE2W3 Write narratives in which they recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events, include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure.</p> <p><b>Grade 3:</b><br/>           ELAGSE3RF4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.<br/>           a. Read on-level text with purpose and understanding. b. Read on-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings. c. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary. d. Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.</p> <p>ELAGSE3W3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.<br/>           a. Establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally. b. Use dialogue and descriptions of actions, thoughts, and feelings to develop experiences and events or show the response of characters to situations. c. Use temporal words and phrases to signal event order. d. Provide a sense of closure.</p> | <p><b>Grade 2:</b><br/>           ESGM2.CR.2 Compose and arrange music within specified guidelines.</p> <p>ESGM2.PR.2 Perform a varied repertoire of music on instruments, alone and with others.</p> <p>ESGM2.RE.1 Listen to, analyze, and describe music.</p> <p>ESGM2.RE.2 Evaluate music and music performances.</p> <p>ESGM2.CN.1 Connect music to the other fine arts and disciplines outside the arts.</p> <p><b>Grade 3:</b><br/>           ESGM3.CR.2 Compose and arrange music within specified guidelines.</p> <p>ESGM3.PR.2 Perform a varied repertoire of music on instruments, alone and with others.</p> <p>ESGM3.RE.1 Listen to, analyze, and describe music.</p> <p>ESGM3.RE.2 Evaluate music and music performances.</p> <p>ESGM3.CN.1 Connect music to the other fine arts and disciplines outside the arts.</p> |

## SOUTH CAROLINA STANDARDS



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| Curriculum Standards   | Arts Standards   |
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| <p><b>Grade 2:</b><br/>           ELA.2.F.4.2 Read texts orally and silently with accuracy, appropriate rate, expression, and intonation.</p> <p>ELA.2.C.3.1 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences. When writing: a. establish and describe character(s) and setting; b. sequence events and use temporal words to signal event order (e.g., before, after); and c. provide a sense of ending.</p> <p><b>Grade 3:</b><br/>           ELA.3.F.4.2 Read a variety of texts orally and silently with accuracy, appropriate rate, expression, and intonation.</p> <p>ELA.3.C.3.1 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences. When writing: a. establish a setting and introduce a narrator or characters; b. use temporal words and phrases to sequence a plot structure; c. use descriptions of actions, thoughts, and feelings to develop characters; and d. provide an ending.</p> | <p><b>Anchor Standard 1:</b> I can arrange and compose music.</p> <p><b>Anchor Standard 4:</b> I can play instruments alone and with others.</p> <p><b>Anchor Standard 6:</b> I can analyze music.</p> <p><b>Anchor Standard 7:</b> I can evaluate music.</p> <p><b>Anchor Standard 9:</b> I can relate music to other arts disciplines, other subjects, and career paths.</p> |

## KEY VOCABULARY

| Content Vocabulary  | Arts Vocabulary  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Poetry</u> - A form of literary expression that uses aesthetic and often rhythmic qualities of language—such as meter, rhyme, and structure—to evoke emotions, convey ideas, or tell a story</li> <li>● <u>Narrative</u> - A structured account or story that describes a sequence of events, real or fictional, that unfold over time</li> <li>● <u>Setting</u> - Where and when a story takes place</li> <li>● <u>Characters</u> - The individuals, animals, or beings who take part in the events</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Pitch</u> - The highness or lowness of a sound</li> <li>● <u>Timbre</u> - The unique quality of a sound; also known as tone color or tone quality</li> <li>● <u>Dynamics</u> - Volume of sound (loudness, quietness)</li> <li>● <u>Harmony</u> - The combination of different musical notes played or sung simultaneously to produce a pleasing sound</li> <li>● <u>Tempo</u> - The speed of the beat</li> </ul> |



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| <p>and actions of the narrative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Plot</u> - The sequence of events that make up a story</li> <li>● <u>Theme</u> - The underlying message, central idea, or main subject that a story, poem, or other work of art explores</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Texture</u> - The overall feel of a piece based on the number of instruments or voices and how they are arranged</li> <li>● <u>Steady beat</u> - An unchanging continuous pulse</li> </ul> |
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## MATERIALS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Plastic cups in various colors and sizes</li> <li>● Sound source (e.g., computer and speakers)</li> <li>● Musical recordings</li> <li>● Paper and writing utensils (pencils)</li> </ul> |
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## INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN

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| <b>Opening/Activating Strategy</b>   |
| <p><b>Classroom Tips:</b> Depending on your students, you may find it important to discuss proper use of, and care for, instruments prior to use. Discuss “resting” position, meaning no sound at all from instruments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Play a musical selection for students, such as, “Carnival of the Animals: Aquarium” or “Carnival of the Animals: Fossils”.</li> <li>● As students listen, review/discuss elements of music: Pitch, harmony, timbre, dynamics, texture, and tempo.</li> <li>● Ask students to make observations about the sounds that they hear and the images that they evoke.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Work Session</b>  |
| <p><b>Responding to Music</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Have students discuss elements of a story: Setting, plot, character(s), conflict, and theme.</li> <li>● Listen again the the piece of music from the warm-up, such as “Carnival of the Animals: Aquarium” or “Carnival of the Animals: Fossils” by Camille Saint-Saëns.</li> <li>● Students will draw a line down the middle of a piece of paper to create two columns on their page. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In the first column, students write descriptive words about the musical selection specific to the elements of a story answering questions such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Where do you think this piece of music takes place?</li> <li>■ What characters do you hear/see in the music?</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ After a couple of times listening and free writing, have the students use the second column to articulate WHAT in the music makes them hear and/or see these things, such as the loud dynamics or the disjointed sounds.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Students will continue this activity by next writing a narrative inspired by the music.</li> </ul> |



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- Students should establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally, use descriptions of actions, thoughts, and feelings to develop experiences and events or show the response of characters to situations, use temporal words and phrases to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure.

### Composing with Cups

- Without saying anything, play a pattern on cups for students.
- Teacher should lead this activity in silence, changing cups (number of sounds) and even length of phrase prior to any discussion.
- Have students use creative and critical thinking to figure out the values (number of sounds for each cup) independently first. For example, blue – quarter note, yellow – eighth notes, clear – quarter rest).
- Pause and discuss what students observed about the values of each cup.
- Perform a rhythmic pattern using cups.
- Next, demonstrate how to read a short poem to the rhythm of the pattern created with cups. Have students practice reading the poem with you.
- Divide students into small groups. Assign each a short poem or nursery rhyme.
- Have students create rhythmic patterns using cups to accompany their poem.

### Closing/Reflection

- Students will perform their compositions for the class. Discuss appropriate audience participation and etiquette prior to performances.
- Discuss how students spoke the poems to the rhythm of their compositions and how different compositions created a different performance.

## ASSESSMENTS

### Formative

Teachers will assess students' understanding of the content throughout the lesson by observing students' participation in the activator, ability to discuss music using musical vocabulary, conferencing with students during the writing process, and collaboration with groups to create a rhythmic pattern to accompany a short poem.

### Summative

#### CHECKLIST

- Students can respond to music by writing a narrative that has a beginning, middle, end, setting, and characters.
- Students can compose a rhythmic pattern using cups.
- Students can perform an original poem to accompany their rhythmic pattern.

## DIFFERENTIATION

### Acceleration:

- Divide students into two groups and have them read a selection such as "Fireflies" from *Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices* by Paul Fleischman. Discuss the separate "voices"



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and the overlap of the “voices”. Students can then do a choral reading of the poem. Play musical selection representing different “voices” such as “Canceling Stamps in Ghana”. Compare it to musical “voices” or parts, discussing melody, harmony, and texture.

- Have students write their own poem to accompany their rhythmic patterns.

**Remediation:**

- Develop the plot, setting, and characters for the narrative as a class or in small groups. Then allow students to work independently to write their own stories.
- Compose a rhythmic pattern together as a class. Once students have learned it, break students into small groups and have them practice performing it while reading their assigned poem.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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*\*This integrated lesson provides differentiated ideas and activities for educators that are aligned to a sampling of standards. Standards referenced at the time of publishing may differ based on each state’s adoption of new standards.*

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