

High School Bahamian Music Analysis:

Lesson Duration: 1-2 weeks

Objectives:

Compare and contrast different Bahamian music genres like Junkanoo, Goombay, rake n' scrape

Identify key instruments used in genres (goatskin drum, accordion etc)

Analyze lyrics for cultural significance and themes

Activities:

Day 1: Listen to samples of genres. Distinguish unique features of each regarding tempo, instruments etc.

Days 2-4: Small groups research history and sound profile of one assigned genre

Days 5-6: Groups present findings to class on musical characteristics and origins

Days 7-9: Analyze lyrics of a few popular songs, identifying themes related to history, cultural values

Day 10: Class discussion - how does Bahamian folk music reflect culture?

Assessment: Group presentations on musical genre background, lyrical analysis worksheets, class discussion participation