

LESSON PLAN

Teacher Candidate:

Date and Time of lesson plan submission:

School:

Coop Teacher:

Date the lesson is to be taught:

Grade Level:

Enrollment:

Time and length of the Lesson:

Lesson #: *if it is part of a unit comprised of multiple lessons*

Focus: Native American Music: Powwow Drums

Student Objectives:

- Know the difference between a powwow drum and a hand drum; how it's made, what it is used for, who can play it
- Know the difference between the three types of powwow drum singers: Northern, Southern, and Eastern
- Participate in a song

Assessment:

- Handout, verbal discussion

Pre-requisite knowledge:

- Hand drum information covered in last lesson

Vocabulary:

- Northern Drum
- Southern Drum
- Eastern Drum
- Honor Beats
- Lead
- Push Up

Materials:

- Powerpoint equipment- projector, projector screen, powerpoint; note cards, rattles, drum, drum stand, beaters

Accommodations:

- Different setup to make room for drum and still see powerpoint
 - Use of elevator for my uncle
 - Regular folding chair for my uncle
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Greeting: Welcome back, everyone. Today, we have a very special guest, my uncle Peter Newell, who is going to talk to us about his powwow drum.

Share objectives First, I'd like to talk about the three regions and how their sounds differ. Then I'd like you all to experience what it is like to sing with a powwow drum. So I hope you all had a chance to familiarize yourself with the recording I sent out, because we're all going to sing today!

The Lesson: POWWOW DRUMS

RECAP: Powwow music is for the dance. What is a powwow? What are vocables? Who can play the hand drum and when is it used (or not used)? Name two ways in which the flute is used to communicate.

NEW MATERIAL

- Three types: Northern (Eastern Eagle) high and screechy, Southern (Youngbird) sort of medium, and Eastern (Mountain Spirit) lowest.
- New to the eastern area, like the flute
- Wooden frame, two animal hide heads
- Honor beats – the strong beats, honoring All My Relations, all that is sacred. Dancers will raise an arm.
- Traditionally, no women on powwow drum. Women are the protectors and life givers. Man's way of connecting with Creator.
- Rattles and shakers
- Types of songs; powwow music is for the dance.
- Some songs have dancers imitate animals or hunts-Crow Hop, Sneak-Up
- Two Step and Round Dance most common songs felt in a 2 or 6/8 time, most others are in a 4/4 time
- Song form –lead, push up

Summary:

- Powwow music is for the dance. 3 types.

Expectations for next class:

Salutation:

"I hope you all enjoyed this experience, and if you're ever interested in going to a powwow, let me know! There is one every year in Laconia at the middle school around the middle of March. Let's give a round of applause for my uncle! Thanks!"
