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## “Patriotism in Music” *Past, Present, and Future*

Grades: 6-8  
English

### **Objective**

- 1 Recognize the history of patriotic music.
- 2 Compare and contrast patriotic music through written expression

### **Character Educations Words**

- Creativity
- Individuality
- Patriotic

### **Teachers Overview**

Students will compare and contrast the patriotic music of the past with the patriotic music of today.

### **Materials**

- 1 This website can be a very helpful resource. It contains songs music and lyrics <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/kids/musicpatriot.htm>
- 2 Internet access and printers
- 3 CD or tape player
- 4 Paper and pens

### **Introduction**

1. A few days before this lesson, ask students to bring in current music they may listen to (that is school appropriate).
2. On the day of the lesson, play a clip from some of those songs and open the class discussion with the following questions:
  - What images come to mind when you hear that music?
  - What words describe your emotions when hearing that music?

What do you picture when listening to that music?

### **Activities**

- 1 After the class discuss the affects of music, have them listen to a selection of patriotic music (Glory, Glory).
- 2 Ask students to write a brief response to the songs.
- 3 Have students focus on the following; emotional response, what is being said in the song, is the song about a history event or person, is the music calm, or is it loud and fast?
- 4 Discuss the student's response to these songs.
- 5 Have students list other songs they view as patriotic.
- 6 Allow each student to tell why he/she think the song is patriotic.

### **Independent Practice/Reflection**

Have students pick one "patriotic" song and briefly research its history, composer, and composition date. Student must write a brief summary on this song.

### **Assessment**

Critique of the research

### **Enrichment**

Students may write their own patriotic song about a recent event in American history that affected the nation