



Draw to Music

Introduction

Musicians make music in different genres or styles. First, you can think of three broad categories: classical music, world music, and contemporary music. Within each of those categories there are many genres and styles. We'll explore some genres of music and see how that music inspires us to draw.

Supplies

- Audio link with short clips of different musical genres: <https://tinyurl.com/c7au8358>
- Pencils and markers
- Scrap paper for drawing
- Paper for writing

Step 1

Hand out pencils, markers, crayons, and scrap paper. Talk through the activity. Tell kids that you're going to experiment with seeing how different styles of music can inspire art. Explain that you're going to replay the audio. This time, draw whatever you want when you hear the music. Stop when the music stops. Then, grab a new piece of paper and get ready to draw something new when you hear the next piece of music.

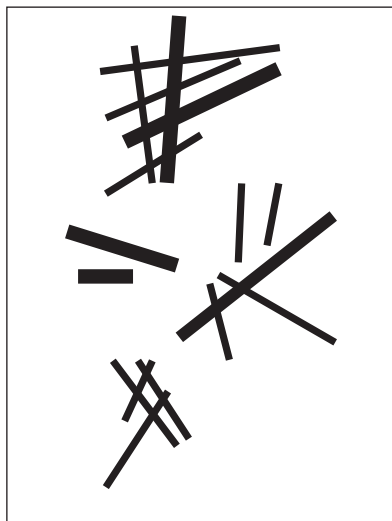
Encourage them to avoid thinking and avoid trying to draw realistic objects or scenes. The point is to simply let the music guide their hands. If the music feels choppy, they might make choppy, heavy marks on the page. If the music is slow and fluid, they might draw one long line that snakes all over the page. This is just one example. There is no right or wrong.

Step 2

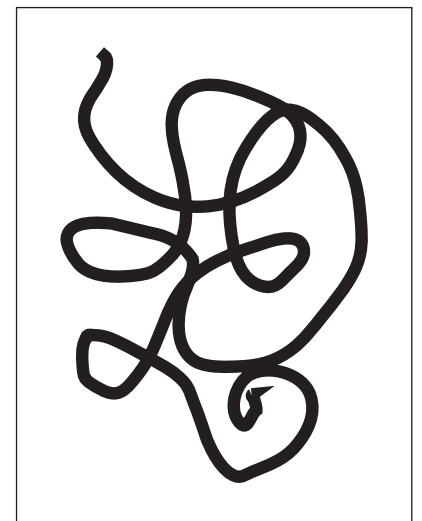
Now, use the same audio and complete this exercise. You can do a drawing for each piece of music on the audio or you can choose to do only a few of the music snippets.

Step 3

Talk about the experience. Did they enjoy drawing to one type of music? How did it feel?



Choppy, loud



Slow, flowing

