



# Write 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 write.

## Supplies

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

### Step 1

Hand out materials for writing. Talk through the activity. Tell the kids that you're going to respond to music with words. You'll be writing down whatever images the music inspires in words, phrases, or sentences. For example, a soft, flowing piece of music might make you think of a river. The music might inspire you to write:

Cool water  
Flowing  
Sparkling in the sun  
River of water  
River of light

Or that soft, flowing piece of music might make just you think of soft, flowing words:

Flow  
Light  
Rolling rolling  
Quiet now

Or that jazzy, fast piece might make you think of fast action words:

Do  
Play  
Strike  
Go

### Step 2

Now, use the audio and experiment with the writing part of this activity.

### Step 3

Invite kids to share their pieces by reading them. If the kids are emerging readers and don't feel comfortable reading aloud, ask if you or another adult can share their writing with the group.

