

Q&A for Country Course Grades K-2

Note to Teachers: These questions serve as a guideline for the Introduction to Country course. Please work through them at the pace of the class, keeping each Q&A section to no more than 3 minutes. Music In Life lesson can take up to 5 minutes. Please encourage the students to move their bodies if they feel like it.

Pre- Course Questions

1. **Raise your hand if you listen to country music.**
2. **What instruments do you think are used in country music?**
3. **Can you name any country artists?**

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Part 1 (History and Fun Fact 1)

1. **When did country music begin?**
Suggested answer: The 1920's
2. **What states did country music originate in?**
Suggested answers: Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina
3. **Country music started out as a folk-type of music from what two groups of people?**
Suggested answers: Irish and Scottish immigrants and African-Americans
4. **What is the main goal of country music?**
Suggested answer: to tell a story
5. **What is the Grand Ole Opry?**
Suggested answers: A Country Music radio/stage show created by an insurance company. It made Country Music very popular and made Nashville, Tennessee Country Music's home. It is referred to "The Show that Made Country Music Famous"

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Part 2 (Instruments + Styles)

1. **What were some of the instruments played in Country music?**
Suggested answers: Acoustic Guitar, Banjo, Fiddle (Violin), Mandolin, Dobro (Slide Guitar), Pedal Steel Guitar, Voice
2. **What is your favorite musical instrument from the ones shown?**
Suggested answer: any of the instruments
3. **What style of Country music features high singing harmonies?**
Suggested answer: Bluegrass
4. **Which great female Country singer helped make the style called "The Nashville Sound"?**
Suggested answer: Patsy Cline
5. **What style of Country music tells stories about "bad guys"?**
Suggested answer: Outlaw Country

Music in Life Lesson (Active Listening Exercise)

Note to the Teacher: Before starting this exercise, talk to the students about how music is a very personal experience and that what they feel when listening to a piece of music can be different from someone else. It is important for them to understand how music makes them feel and how they should use music in their life as a tool to better themselves academically, athletically, behaviorally and artistically.

Instructions to the Students: You will be listening to part of a song called “You Can’t Roller Skate in a Buffalo Herd” by Roger Miller. Close your eyes and think about what color music makes you think of and what activity you would do while listening to this song. When the music finishes I will ask you to share with the rest of the class what color the music made you think of and what activity you would do while listening to this song. When the music is playing, please do not talk so that everyone is able to hear the music.

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Questions for Music in Life Lesson

1. What color did the music make you think of?
2. What activity would you do while listening to this song?
3. Raise your hand if you would like to play this style of music.

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Part 3 (Classic Artists of Country and Musical Movement Minute)

1. What show did Roy Acuff sing on?
Suggested answer: The Grand Ole Opry Radio Show
2. How many #1 hits did Charley Pride have?
Suggested answer: 40 #1 hits!
3. What female singer sings “Nine to Five” and even has her own theme park?
Suggested answer: Dolly Parton
4. Who is one of the most successful and influential male country artists in history?
Suggested answer: Garth Brooks

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Part 4 (Fun Fact 2 + Contemporary Country Artists)

1. Shel Silverstein was a writer who also wrote country songs, what children’s books of his do you know?
Suggested answers: Where the Sidewalk Ends, The Giving Tree, A Light in the Attic, ect.
2. How old was Miranda Lambert when she started doing talent shows?
Suggested answer: 16 years old
3. How did Kane Brown get his start in Country music?
Suggested answer: Posting his You Tube videos
4. What instruments does Keith Urban play?
Suggested answer: Voice and guitar
5. What male Country artist wrote songs for other Country Music artists and was recently named “Artist of the Year”?
Suggested answer: Luke Bryan
6. What was your favorite Country fact or artist that you learned about today?
*(Featured artists: Classic: Roy Acuff, Charley Pride, Dolly Parton, Garth Brooks
Contemporary: Miranda Lambert, Kane Brown, Keith Urban, Carrie Underwood, Luke Bryan)*

Take the final minutes to talk to the students about the handouts that are going to be sent home (Sound Bites and Activity Sheet). Encourage them to discuss the Sound Bites with their parents/guardians and to share with them some facts that they learned from the class.

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