

**Brockton Public Schools –Middle School Music Department:
General Music
June 8th – June 12th 2020**

Here is the General Music Activity for the week. Please make sure you are checking your BPS email and Microsoft TEAMS, and CLEVER. Your music teachers are sending you activities designed specifically for your class.

Music for Social Justice

There is no American social movement of the 20th or 21st century more closely connected to music than the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s. African American spirituals, gospel, and folk music all played an important role in the Civil Rights Movement. Throughout rallies and protests, people sang these songs for multiple purposes: to motivate them through long marches, for psychological strength against harassment and brutality, and sometimes to simply pass the time when waiting for something to happen. Please watch the video below for a brief description of how music impacted the Civil Rights Movement.

A Moment of History: Music and the Civil Rights Movement

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5c0V7BftfA>

Research and Respond

Please select one of the songs listed on the following page to research and learn about. Each one of these songs is connected to either the Civil Rights Movement or another social movement in America. Please choose a song that you are comfortable researching!

Once you have done your research, please answer the questions below!

1. Name of the Song/ Piece of Music: _____
2. Artist/ Composer: _____
3. Race/ Ethnicity of Artist/ Composer: _____
4. What is the social issue addressed in this piece?

5. What events inspired this piece of music?

6. What effect did this piece have on the social issue?

7. What lyrics/ musical elements impacted you and demonstrated action on the social issue?

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A Change is Gonna Come- Sam Cooke <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wEBlaMOmKV4>
Black and White- Michael Jackson <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IdGDuzVD7rg>
Black Bird- Beatles <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDxfjUEBT9I>
Blowin the the Wind- Bob Dylan <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G58XWF6B3AA>
Born This Way- Lady Gaga <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BsLd4Y060Q>
Found Tonight – Lin Manuel Miranda & Ben Platt <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2aQykulaJVI>
Glory (from *Selma*)- John Legend and Common <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HEFRPLM0nEA>
Heal the World- Michael Jackson <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfsG-i587IU>
I Know Where I've Been –Hairspray <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1AzWdo3fZw>
I'm Here- The Color Purple <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-aAn2u5Pr4>
Imagine- John Lennon <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2mAsPRS4VI>
Oh Freedom! - The Golden Gospel Singers <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veijLhXdwn8>
Respect- Aretha Franklin <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykxuu8LNluY&feature=youtu.be>
Rise Up- Andra Day <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBuIBaDSOa4>
Same Love- Macklemore <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eLH0GOXICM>
Stand Up- Cynthia Erivo and Joshua Brian Campbell <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3HICKj-4Zs>
Sunday Bloody Sunday- U2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQZLPV6xcHI>
The Redemption Song- Bob Marley <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrY9eHkXTa4>
We Shall Overcome- Aeolian Virtual Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBtmPiCgTol>
Where Is the Love- Black Eyed Peas <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FotCW5OIFZc>

Create

Now that you have learned a little bit about how music has been used to promote social justice in the past, we would like you to use this opportunity to create your own Song, Spoken Word, Poetry, or Rap inspired by current events. If you would like a background track to accompany you, here are a couple examples from YouTube, but you can also create your own! When you are finished, take a video and post it to your teachers Flipgrid or send your lyrics to your teacher.

Background Music Instrumentals <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qycqF1CWcXg>
Uplifting Acoustic Background Music <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ou5yoKTFjEo>
Reggae Drumless Backtrack https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=back+track
Simple Rap Beat <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CDYxLUls3g>

Viewing the YouTube video(s) are optional as an enrichment opportunity. YouTube is a third party and has no contractual relationships with BPS. BPS cannot ensure that YouTube is safeguarding or protecting your child's privacy.