



Questions for Classroom Discussion

Music in Our Schools Month

- **What are some reasons why a Music in Our Schools Month (observed each March) was created?**
 - ⇒ Consider the importance of music in our lives, and throughout history, and how an appreciation of this can lead to a better understanding of the world around us
 - ⇒ Consider how music easily flows into other subject areas, such as math, language arts, science, and social studies
 - ⇒ Consider how playing a musical instrument can boost self-confidence and create a more positive outlook, and how this can have huge benefits on students

- **What are some ways that the school could recognize and participate in Music in Our Schools Month?**
 - ⇒ Consider having a themed assembly for the entire school, which may include classroom skits, guest speakers, or other student performances
 - ⇒ Consider how students can focus on specific musicians or musical genres, such as by making timelines or bulletin boards
 - ⇒ Consider having a school-wide contest, such as a costume contest, essay contest, or classroom “door-decorating” contest

- **What factors should be considered when choosing and designing activities to participate in Music in Our Schools Month?**
 - ⇒ Consider limitations that will help you decide on the best method to create activities — cost, time, intended audience, complexity of the central message, etc.
 - ⇒ Consider how everything about the activities should be focused on the specific message of expanding musical programs in schools
 - ⇒ Consider logistical issues— will the activities all be in a central location? Or spread throughout the campus?