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TOSINGASAGROUP
MULTIPLE VOICES OF SEMINOLE MUSIC

Activity Guide

Grades K-2

Music

Music is an expression of feelings, thoughts, and emotions. Singing is using your voice to express your thoughts, emotions, and feelings. We often think of music as a sweet melody sung by a choir or the beautiful sound of a bird chirping. But music is everywhere and can be anything. It can be as simple as clapping your hands in rhythm, humming an unknown tune, or beating on a desk. All of these things and so much more can be considered music.

There are many different styles of music. In our exhibit, we highlight gospel, blues, folk, rap, and rock music. However, there are many more styles of music including well-known styles like country, heavy metal, and jazz as well as lesser known styles such as trip-hop, grunge, and blue-grass. Also, there are styles of music that were once popular but are now out of style. These include doo-wop, disco, big band, and bebop jazz. Have you heard of any of these styles? What about your parents? What type of music do you like?

Learning to play a musical instrument or to sing is easy. But, if you want to get really good at music, then you will have to take lessons and practice a lot. You can sing or play loud or *forte* or you can sing or play soft or *piano*. Practice singing high and low and loud and soft. What is your favorite song? What style of music is your favorite song? Is it high or is it low? Play your favorite song and practice by singing along. Did you know that you can sing as a group? Gather together some of your friends and family and sing your favorite song. Some of them can sing high and some of them can sing low. How do they sound? Making music is fun, and now that you know how easy it can be, you can start making your own music.

Seminole Music

Music to the Seminole tribe is an instrumental part of their culture. From the traditional, such as chanting and using rattles, to the modern, such as rap and blues, Seminole people have embraced music and used it to tell their story. In the Seminole Tribe, music has many uses, including passing down traditions and legends and teaching lessons. The two main uses for music is medicinal and for tribal events. Events such as the Green Corn Dance and the Hunting Dance are examples of music being used for a traditional tribal event. In modern times, the types of music used at an event can span from the traditional chanting, to gospel hymns, to blues, all sung by the event attendees.

Seminole music has evolved over time. Seminole artists have adopted new and popular forms of music while proudly telling the story of an unconquered people. Examples of Seminole artists that use popular forms of music to tell their story are Chairman James Billie, the Battiest brothers, and Rev. Paul Buster. Chairman Billie combined the styles of folk and rock for his 1998 album, "Alligator Tears". This album included the Grammy nominated song "Big Alligator," which tells the story of a young man learning respect for the alligator from his grandfather. The Battiest brothers are rappers and winners of the 2011 American Indian Film Festival for the music video for their song "The Storm." "The Storm" highlights several true stories passed down through the tribe by elders. Finally, Rev. Paul Buster's folk music is often sung in the Miccosukee language, so that it can be used to teach the language to tribal youth.

- 1) Name one Seminole musician. _____
- 2) What is one type of music sung at a Seminole event? _____
- 3) What is the name of Chairman Billie's 1998 album? _____

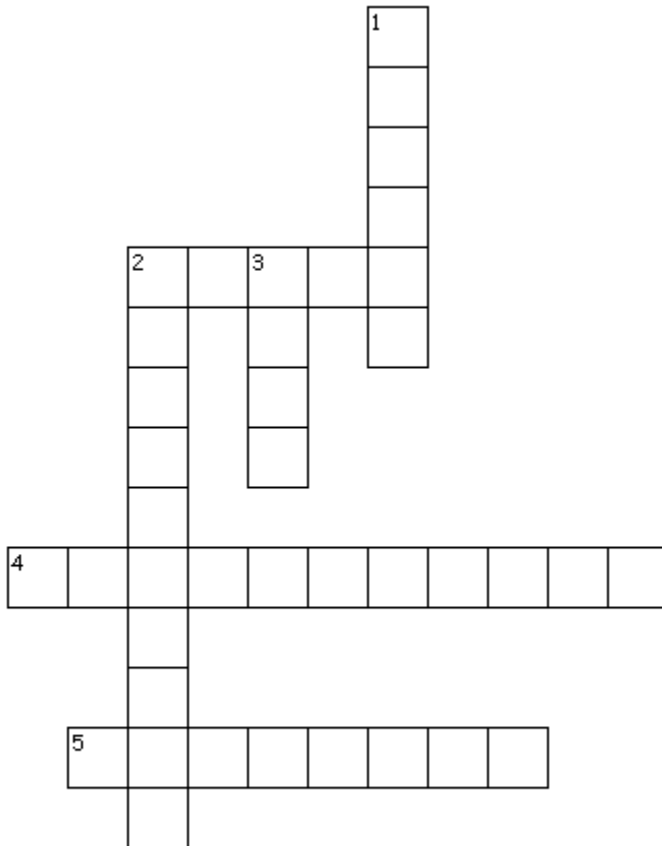
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ADAPT
 CREEK
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 MUSICIANS
 RAP
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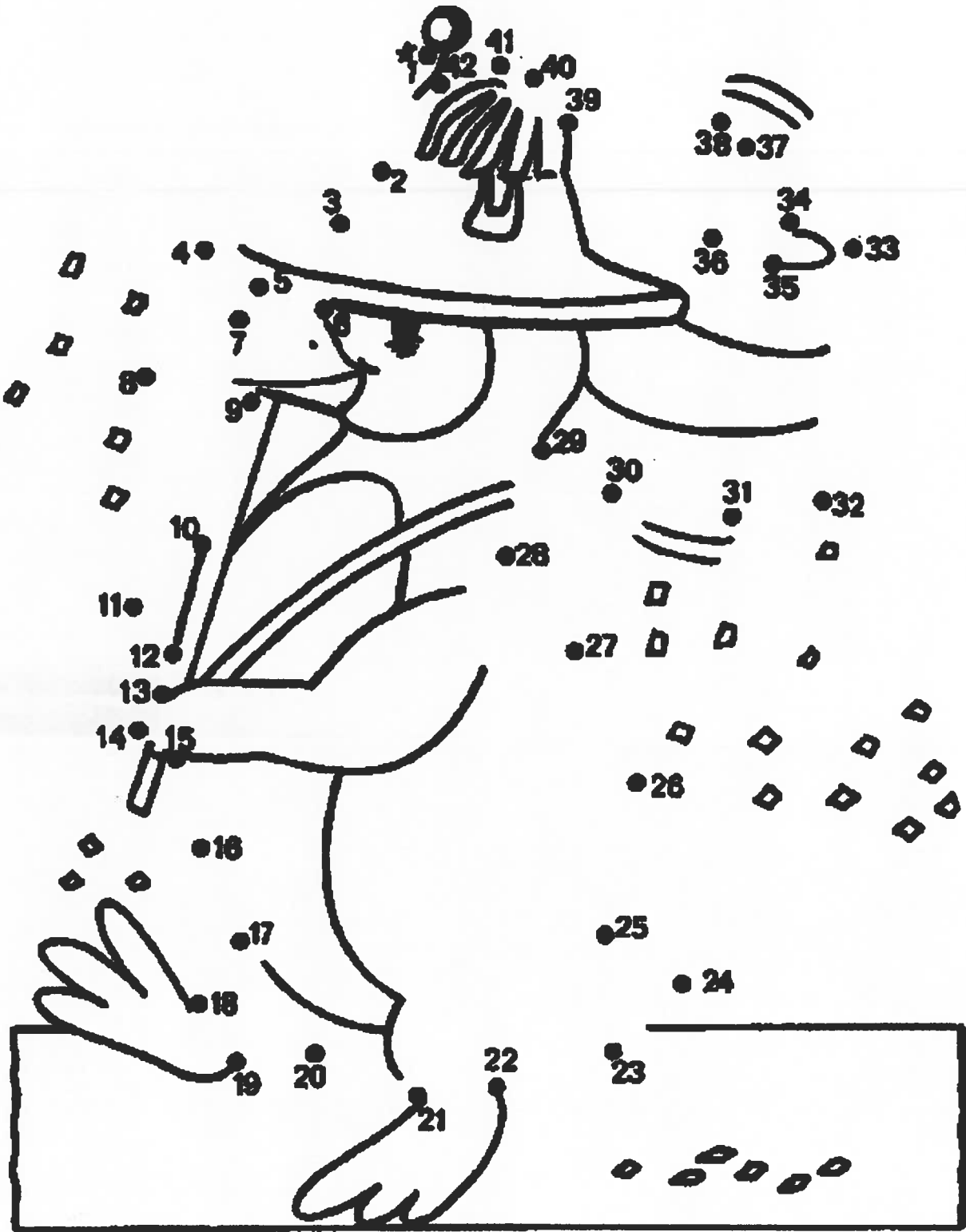
Across

2. An expression of feelings, thoughts, and emotions
4. Seminole medicine man whose conversion to Christianity influenced the successful conversion of many other Seminoles.
5. One of the two federally recognized Native American tribes in Florida.

Down

1. Words to a song
2. One of the two federally recognized Native American tribes in Florida.
3. To_____ as a group

Connect the Dots



Answer Key

Seminole Music questions

1. Answers can vary from James Billie, to the Battiest brothers, and Rev. Paul Buster, or any other Seminole musicians.
2. Answers can vary from gospel, folk, traditional, and blues.
3. Alligator Tears

Word Search

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 + A + + U + + + N C + E + O Y
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- ADAPT(11,14,NE)
- CHANTS(6,10,NW)
- COUNTRY(14,1,S)
- CREEK(7,8,SE)
- DRUMS(2,12,E)
- FLUTES(9,11,W)
- FOLK(10,13,NW)
- GENRES(6,7,SW)
- HYMNS(15,1,S)
- LYRICS(10,6,N)
- MICCOSUKEE(12,11,N)
- MUSIC(6,1,SW)
- MUSICIANS(2,9,NE)
- NAMMY(12,14,W)
- NATIVEAMERICAN(14,14,NW)
- RAP(2,1,E)
- RATTLES(2,4,SE)
- ROCK(13,11,N)
- SEMINOLE(1,13,E)
- SOAR(12,15,NE)

Crossword Puzzle

Across

2. Music
4. Josie Billie
5. Seminole

Down

1. Lyrics
2. Miccosukee
3. Sing