

Blue dog

Native Blues Band

Season 12 Episode 13 Starts at 1:10

1. Learning Objectives

Students learn about

- Musicians are influenced by art they love
- Artists are influenced by historical art forms, and stories about life
- Intersections of art cross many cultures
- Personal interpretation and reaction to music and life

2. Key Concepts

- Cultural influences
- Individual view of art, artist and viewer
- Tools and techniques used to create unique music; rhythm, melody, harmony, instruments, lyrics
- Each of us is given a gift

3. Teacher's Quick Reference

Minneapolis

2001, the group was formed by Joanie and Eric Buffalo Head

Blue Dog's music is influenced by the experiences of Native People

Music is written to document history and tell the real stories of Native People.

Native American Award winning band.

The band plays primarily around the Twin Cities, MN

Played with Buddy Guy, Indigenous, and Buffy Sainte-Marie. These bands are well known too for their "Native Sound"

The band has vocals, keyboard, percussion, lead and bass guitar.

4. Content Review

- Why did Blue Dog decide to write blues style music?
- Identify the instruments used to make to the songs.
- What culture influence does Blue Dog rely on for their art?
- Name some cultural references for the group.
- What is the intention of the songs and music?

5. Discussion Questions

- Name three musicians Blue Dog referenced. Look up the groups and summarize each history.
- Why do musicians (reference above) integrate music from various musicians?
- What thoughts are taken into consideration when Blu Dog writes their songs?
- Is there any cultural influence in the music around traditional drumming, patterns, and tone? Do the lyrics represent Native culture in some way?

6. References

Buddy Guy

Music

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?list=PLaOHsXB9l-g9YpkEpH3bw2SXZmQEAlBIU&v=neFzQ-vBXm0>

Biography

<https://www.biography.com/people/buddy-guy-37980>

Indigenous

Music

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=q2CPhYpqITk>

Website

<http://www.indigenousocks.com>

Buffy Sainte-Marie

Music

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=l5cBrjVefjE>

Interview

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=VGWsGyNsw00>

Website

<http://buffysainte-marie.com>