

**NATIONAL MUSIC MUSEUM  
FIELD TRIP  
LESSON PLANS**

**Objectives**

Students will be able to:

1. explain how music is a form of expression.
2. discuss how there are a variety of musical instruments used for expression.
3. discuss differences and similarities among musical instruments from various cultures.
4. discuss differences and similarities among musical instruments from various historical time periods.
5. describe the various instrument families.
6. name instruments from the various families.

**Procedure**

1. Pre-Tour

a. Discuss several questions that can be chosen from the following:

- 1) Why do people collect things?
- 2) What does a museum do?
- 3) How do people express themselves?
- 4) Is music the same everywhere in the world? What is the same? What is different?

b. Explain what the National Music Museum is:

Founded in 1973 on the campus of The University of South Dakota in Vermillion, the National Music Museum is one of the great institutions of its kind in the world. Its renowned collections, which include more than 14,800 American, European, and non-Western instruments from virtually all cultures and historical periods, are the most inclusive anywhere.

c. Distribute Pre-Tour Fun and Fact Sheet:

- 1) Discuss various answers.

d. Find examples from the various instrument families (strings, woodwinds, brasses, keyboards, percussion) on the National Music Museum's website: [www.nmmusd.org](http://www.nmmusd.org)

e. Discuss Museum Manners.

2. Please schedule your visit to the National Music Museum at least two weeks in advance.

Consult <http://orgs.usd.edu/nmm/Tours/SchoolTours/SchoolTours.html> for more information or call (605) 677-5306.

### 3. Post-Tour

a. Distribute Post-Tour Fun and Fact Sheet:

1) Discuss various answers.

b. Find examples from the various instrument families (strings, woodwinds, brasses, keyboards, percussion) on the National Music Museum's website: [www.nmmusd.org](http://www.nmmusd.org)

c. Make instruments for students to take home. Ask the art teacher, or the science teacher to help. Consult [http://www.wannalearn.com/Crafts\\_and\\_Hobbies/Woodworking/Building\\_Musical\\_Instruments](http://www.wannalearn.com/Crafts_and_Hobbies/Woodworking/Building_Musical_Instruments) for ideas.



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