

Warm Up:

Music is a fundamental part of any culture. It expresses widely shared values, experiences and emotions that help define group identity. Music is found anywhere there are people—social gatherings, festivals, private homes, public spaces and even religious settings. People rely on music to examine life experiences and memories. Music is an essential vehicle for social change and bringing communities together.

1. Work alone or form small groups of 3-4 students.
2. Read the article's headlines, section headers and the large-type sidebars. Scan the photos and images, but don't read the captions.
3. Discuss or jot down a sentence or two about what you think is the subject of the story. What is the main point the author is trying to convey? Brainstorm a few questions you hope will be answered as you go through the lesson.
4. After the lesson is finished review your questions to see if they've been answered, or if you can, answer them yourself.