
Instruments from Around the World

In this activity, **students explore instruments from various regions of the world.** Using an online search, have students choose a region and research an instrument from the region's cultural traditions. Students should describe the instrument, the sound the instrument makes, and the kind of music that is traditionally played on it. They should also locate photos and videos of the instrument.

Here are some examples of instruments from around the world:

Maracas from Mexico

Harmonica from the United States

Djembe from Africa

Congas from Cuba

Castanets from Spain

Pan flute from Peru

Bagpipes from Scotland

Erhu from China

Gamelan from Java

Some sample questions for students to answer:

- What instrument family does it belong to and why?
- In what style of music can you hear the instrument today?

Have the students write a report on their research and present it to the class. As a class, discuss how these instruments are similar and different.