

# MUSIC IN THE CLASSROOM

SONG: BLUES

IDEA BOX

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# MUSIC IN THE CLASSROOM

SONG: WHEELS ON THE BUS

IDEA BOX

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# HELPFUL TIPS FOR WRITING SONGS WITH YOUR CLASS:

1. SPEND SOME TIME BRAINSTORMING! IF YOU GET A GOOD IDEA, TRY TO COME UP WITH A FEW MORE. IT'S FUN TO BRAINSTORM TOGETHER, AND YOU NEVER KNOW WHICH IDEA WILL LEAD TO NEW IDEAS. KEEP THE GOAL IN MIND, BUT DON'T BE AFRAID TO COME UP WITH LOTS OF OPTIONS.
2. IT DOESN'T ALWAYS HAVE TO RHYME! IF YOU CAN'T FIND THE RIGHT WORDS TO RHYME WITH WHAT YOU HAVE, TRY TO USE SOFT RHYMES TO COMPLETE YOUR THOUGHT. FOR EXAMPLE, A SOFT RHYME FOR "ORANGE" COULD BE "DOOR HINGE." SOMETIMES, IT'S OKAY FOR LYRICS TO NOT RHYME AT ALL!
3. LISTEN TO THE MELODY! THE MELODY WILL TELL YOU EXACTLY HOW MANY WORDS OR SYLLABLES YOU ARE GOING TO NEED FOR ANY GIVEN LINE. DON'T HESITATE TO GO BACK AND LISTEN TO OR SING THE MELODY WHILE YOU'RE WRITING SO YOU STAY ON TRACK RHYTHMICALLY.
4. DON'T GET TOO WORDY! SIMPLE IS ALWAYS BEST. SAY WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE. THAT WILL ALSO MAKE IT EASIER TO REMEMBER FOR THE STUDENTS.
5. HAVE FUN! WRITING SONGS DOESN'T HAVE TO BE STRESSFUL. IT CAN BE USED FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, BUT IT'S ALSO USEFUL FOR RELAXATION. TRY CALMING YOUR CLASS DOWN BY WRITING A SONG WITH THEM ABOUT THEIR DAY OR WEEK. IT CAN ALSO CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT TO TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS OR FEARS. USE SONGWRITING HOWEVER YOU WANT TO, AND HAVE FUN WITH IT!