



Jazz Night in America Shorts: Model Lesson Plans

How Ella Fitzgerald Turned Forgotten Lyrics into One of Her Best Performances Ever

Model Lesson Plan for Elementary Music Classroom (Grades 3-5)

Objective:

Learners will be able to individually sing scat performance of an excerpt from their class repertoire.

National Core Arts Standards:

MU:Cr1.1.5 - Improvise rhythmic, melodic, and harmonic ideas, and explain connection to specific purpose and context (such as social, cultural, and historical).

Activity:

1. Teacher prominently displays common scat syllables (bop, bah, doo, bwee, deedle, ya).
2. Teacher instructs students to see if they recognize any of the syllables in the excerpts of Ella's performance on the video.
3. Watch video, *How Ella Fitzgerald Turned Forgotten Lyrics into One of Her Best Performances Ever*.
4. Teacher presents discussion question: *What is scat singing?*
5. Students pair up, discuss the question for one minute, and share their conclusions aloud with the class.
6. Teacher demonstrates a scat performance of a popular, folk, or children's song.
7. Students sing an excerpt from their class repertoire (instrumental or vocal) using scat syllables, one at a time.

Possible Modifications:

Students may be given an opportunity to scat popular, folk, or children's songs.

Materials Required:

Link to video:

<https://www.npr.org/2019/09/04/757560624/how-ella-fitzgerald-turned-forgotten-lyrics-into-one-of-her-best-performances-ev>

Technology Requirements:

Computer or mobile device with internet access

Means of Assessment:

Formative: Sharing of conclusions from discussion question.

Summative: Students individually sing scat performance of an excerpt from their class repertoire.