

MUSIC · GRADES 3–4

Music Around the World

Six traditions to explore

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Tradition	From	Signature sound	Try listening to...
Mariachi	Mexico	Trumpets, violins, vocals	'Cielito Lindo'
Gamelan	Indonesia	Tuned percussion, chimes, gongs	Balinese gamelan ensemble
Highlife	Ghana	Guitars, brass, dance rhythms	E.T. Mensah
Flamenco	Spain	Guitar, hand-claps, foot stamps	Paco de Lucía
Bagpipe music	Scotland & Ireland	Single drone + melody	'Highland Cathedral'
Throat singing	Mongolia, Tuva	One voice, two pitches at once	Hu band, Khusugtun

Discuss

1. Pick one tradition. Listen to a 1-minute clip. What instruments did you hear?
2. Why might music sound so different from country to country?
3. What music tradition is from where YOUR family comes from? What does it sound like?

