



Lessons for Understanding the Context of Pop!

OVERVIEW

Music rehearsed and learned in band becomes more relevant and interesting when an ensemble explores and understands the broader context of a music work. The students' imaginations are engaged as they learn about the multiple facets and connections in the music. Their expanded perspectives of the piece lead to performances that more clearly express the composer's musical thoughts and intentions.

[The Facets Model](#), the framework for BandQuest® curricula, encourages learning the background of the piece and both musical and non-musical connections in addition to the technical skills needed to play the work.

The following lesson plans structure opportunities for bring some of these facets to light.

Directors are urged to include some lesson activities in class while learning the piece; others can be extensions, homework assignments, or individual projects. Interspersing segments of the lessons within rehearsals is another option for providing students with a more holistic view of the piece.

THE LESSON PLANS

1. What Goes A-Rondo, Comes A-Rondo
2. Adventures in Aleatory
3. Popcorn Trivia