



REAL MUSIC. REAL HISTORY. REAL IMPACT.

K-5 CONCERT STUDY GUIDE

WHAT IS JAZZ?

Jazz is a kind of music where musicians work together, make music up on the spot, and tell **stories** with sound.

JAZZ HAS 3 INGREDIENTS:



SWING

A bouncy, groovy feel!



BLUES

Feeling and emotion.



IMPROVISATION

Making music up in the moment!

WHAT YOU'LL HEAR TODAY



"SUMMERTIME"

by George Gershwin
A beautiful song that shows many feelings.



"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

First the normal way...
then jazzed up!
Hear how jazz can change ANY song!



"CANTALOUPE ISLAND"

by Herbie Hancock
A fun, funky jazz adventure!

THE BAND TELLS A STORY!

Each instrument has a special job—just like characters in a story.



SAXOPHONE
= The **SUBJECT**

Plays the melody—the main idea of our story.



PIANO
= The **MOOD**

Plays the harmony.
Major chords = happy
Minor chords = sad



BASS
= The **PACE**

Sets the speed.
It keeps the story moving forward!



DRUMS
= The **SETTING**

The groove tells us where the story takes place—different places have different rhythms!



HOW TO BE A GREAT JAZZ AUDIENCE



You can clap when you like something!



Clap after solos (when one person plays alone).



Show your energy—the band can feel it and it helps them!



Have fun and enjoy the ride!

LISTENING GAME

While you listen, try this:



Who is playing the **melody** right now?



Does the music sound **happy or sad**?



Is the music **fast** or slow?



What kind of **place** does the rhythm remind you of?

AFTER THE CONCERT



What was your **favorite** song?



Which **instrument** did you like best?



Did any part of the music **surprise** you?

Jazz Tells Our Story. And Tonight, You're Part of It.

