

Rock Band Unit Tour

8th Grade General Music

Materials:

Blank Map of the USA

[Example Map](#)

Access to Google Maps

Instructions:

This lesson/assignment is part of the Rock Band Unit developed for MCPS Middle School General Music Classes. Previously, students have formed groups of four and created their own rock band. Students named their bands, and assigned roles such as vocalist, guitarist, etc. Bands designed tour t-shirts, bumper stickers, tour buses, and CD jewel cases. As part of the unit, the bands will choose 20 cities to perform on their American tour. Every tour must start in Missoula, and include 19 other destinations around the USA.

Students will search using Google Maps for a concert venue, mileage, and time of travel.

Example:

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| CS Porter Middle School Gymnasium | Missoula, MT | 0 Miles | |
| to | | | |
| Arco Arena | Sacramento, CA | 970 Miles | 15h 13m |
| to | | | |
| Save Mart Center | Fresno, CA | 182 Miles | 2h 47m |
| etc | | | |

Students will need to use the “directions” feature, filter by mode of transportation, and quickest route. At the end, students will add up their total miles and total time spent driving.

Rubric: Utilizing Google Maps, select 20 locations, and identify their mileage and time of travel.

- 4 - Students were able to select all 20 locations and correctly identify all information
- 3 - Students were able to select at least 15 locations and correctly identify all information
- 2 - Students were able to select at least 10 locations and correctly identify all information
- 1 - Students were able to select at least 5 locations and correctly identify all information
- 0 - Students were unable to select any locations or identify any information

Standards:

National Standards for Music Education by the National Association for Music Education

7. Evaluating music and music performances

This standard will be met with completion of entire unit.



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