

YouTube Assignment - Grade 8 Choir

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Overview	In this lesson 8th grade choir students will do a specific, detailed search on YouTube to find relevant choir performances to add to their class YouTube channel.
Materials	Internet connection Computer Access with YouTube
Instructions	<p>Students will go to our Meadow Hill Choirs YouTube Page and do a search for videos of students their own age, singing in choir. Boys choir students will search for “Middle School Boys Choir” and girls choir students will search for “Middle School Girls Choir.”</p> <p>Both groups will be taught how to do a specified search. Instruct students to type in their search string and then click the magnifying glass to bring up the results. Once the results are on the screen, instruct students to click on FILTER. Here they will have several ways to narrow down their results. Tell the students that you want a SHORT VIDEO from THIS YEAR and see if they can get more precise results.</p> <p>Once they have narrowed down their search, they can begin to sift through the videos to see if there are any performances they think are good enough to be added to our class YouTube page. If they like a video, they can click LIKE and save it for later.</p> <p>The teacher will take the LIKED videos and create a playlist for each class. The playlist will then be shown to each class during their choir period at school the next day. Students can compare and contrast what they see and hear in their peer recommended videos and decide what qualities they like and dislike about the performances via class discussion.</p>
Resources	Meadow Hill Choirs YouTube Page
Rubric	None required - group assignment
Standards	The National Standards for Music Education # 6 Listening/analyzing/describing music The National Standards for Music Education # 7 Evaluating music and music performance

