



The Power of Music

Introduction

For millennia, music has had a deep and abiding role in human culture. It affects and reflects historical, social, ethnic, religious, philosophical, and aesthetic contexts and practices. This lesson asks students to consider the role that music has played – and continues to play – in the human experience – in society as a whole, as well as in their individual lives.

The following songs all provide opportunity to reflect on these issues, and in particular how music might affect and reflect attitudes towards alcohol or other drugs. Some songs may contain language that some may find offensive. The intent of the lesson is to encourage students to consider how the messages in the music may influence their beliefs, attitudes or behaviours.

- Bloodstream (Ed Sheeran) [lyrics video](#)
- The A Team (Ed Sheeran) [lyrics video](#)
- Habits (Tove Lo) [lyrics video](#)
- Starting Over (Macklemore and Ryan Lewis featuring Ben Bridwell) [lyrics video](#)
- Rehab (Amy Winehouse) [lyrics video](#)
- Drink you away (Justin Timberlake) [lyrics video](#)
- Cheap Wine and Cigarettes (Jess Moskaluke) [lyrics video](#)
- Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F) (Katy Perry) [lyrics video](#)
- Dr. Feelgood (Motley Crue) [lyrics video](#)
- Semi Charmed Life (Third Eye Blind) [lyrics video](#)
- Hurt (Johnny Cash) [lyrics video](#)
- King of Everything (Wiz Khalifa) [lyrics video](#)