Sample Schedule for Learning about African American Artists in the Music Classroom

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Monday

Show videos of **Louis Armstrong**

- "Wonderful World"
- "Hello, Dolly"

Ella Fitzgerald scatting

- "It Don't Mean a Thing"—start at 2:00
- Scatting with Mel Torme
- "April in Paris" in Brussels

Display biography of both performing artists for students to gather requested information.

- [Louis Armstrong](https://nafme.org/)
- [Ella Fitzgerald](https://nafme.org/)

Tuesday

Show videos of at **Nat King Cole**

- "An Evening with Nat and Jazz" 17:00 + 20:00
- Natalie and Nat King Cole “Unforgettable” 1992

James Brown

- "I Got the Feelin’"
- "Get on the Good Foot"
- The beginning of funk music, "Gonna Have a Bumpin’ Good Time"
- "I Feel Good"
- "I'm Black and I'm Proud"

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- [Nat King Cole](https://nafme.org/)
- [James Brown](https://nafme.org/)

Wednesday

Show videos of **Aretha Franklin**

- "Respect"

Original article available at https://nafme.org/african-american-history-music-classroom
• "Obama Parting Ceremony" at the Kennedy Center Honors
• Blues Brothers
• "Obama Inauguration"

Marvin Gaye
• "What's Going On"
• "Inner City Blues"
• "Gotta Give it Up"
• "You're All I Need to Get By"

Discuss copyright infringement
• Robin Thicke and Pharrell

Display biography of both performing artists for students to gather requested information.
• Aretha Franklin
• Marvin Gaye

Thursday
Show videos of Whitney Houston
• "Star Spangled Banner" at XXV Superbowl
  "The Greatest Love of All"
• "I Will Always Love You"

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• Whitney Houston

Friday
Show videos of Michael Jackson, Beyoncé, and Anthony Hamilton
• "ABC"
• "Man in the Mirror"
• "Thriller"

Display biography of both performing artists for students to gather requested information.
• Michael Jackson
• Beyoncé
• Anthony Hamilton