

**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](#)
- [Ella Fitzgerald](#)

**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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- [James Brown](#)

**Wednesday**

Show videos of **Aretha Franklin**

- ["Respect"](#)

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- "[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](#)

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- [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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### Friday

Show videos of **Michael Jackson, Beyoncé, and Anthony Hamilton**

- "[ABC](#)"
- "[Man in the Mirror](#)"
- "[Thriller](#)"

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- [Michael Jackson](#)
- [Beyoncé](#)
- [Anthony Hamilton](#)