

Song: Meet Me in St. Louis (1944)
Made popular by: Judy Garland

Brief Context: "Meet Me in St. Louis" is a classic MGM romantic musical comedy about the lives of four sisters leading up to the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. Judy Garland stars as Ester who is in love with the boy next door. The film is full of memorable songs like "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and is shot in glorious Technicolor.

Activity: Singing and Engaged Discussion

What do you need?

- **Perfect Harmony Video of "Meet Me in St. Louis"**
- **Perfect Harmony lyric sheet**
- **Perfect Harmony visual prompt**

Suggested Discussion Prompts

- **Have you ever been to a fair?**
- **What did you do at the fair? (went on rides, ate food, looked at animals, played games, etc.)**



Meet Me in St. Louis

**Meet me in St. Louis, Louis,
Meet me at the fair,
Don't tell me the lights are shining
Any place but there,
We will dance the Hoochee Koochee,
I will be your tootsie wootsie,
If you will meet in St. Louis, Louis,
Meet me at the fair.**

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Song: Do You Know the Way to San Jose? (1968)
Made popular by: Dionne Warwick

Brief Context: "Do You Know the Way to San Jose" is a 1968 popular song written and composed for singer Dionne Warwick by Burt Bacharach. The lyrics tell the story of a native of San Jose, California, who, having failed to break into the entertainment field in Los Angeles, is set to return to her hometown. The song earned Warwick her first Grammy Award.

Activity: Movement (upper and lower body)

What do you need?

- **Perfect Harmony Video of "Do You Know the Way to San Jose?"**

Suggested Seated Movements

- **March**
- **Pat Hands on Lap**
- **Right Hand out, Palm up**
- **Left Hand out, Palm up**
- **R. Hand crosses over to clasp left hand**
- **Clasped Hands move across body to the Right**
- **Clasped Hands move across body to the Left**



Song: Viva Las Vegas (1964)
Made popular by: Elvis

Brief Context: "Viva Las Vegas" is a 1964 song written for Elvis Presley for his film *Viva Las Vegas*. In the movie, Elvis plays a race car driver who has to wait tables at a hotel in order to pay off a debt. He performs this song at the hotel's talent competition accompanied by Vegas showgirls.

***Activity:* Listening and Engaged Discussion**

What do you need?

- **YouTube or recording of Elvis singing "Viva Las Vegas"**
- **Perfect Harmony visual prompts**

Suggested Discussion Prompts

- **Have you ever been to Las Vegas or gambled?**
- **What makes you think of glitzy and glamorous Las Vegas? (went to shows, roulette, neon, hot dice, showgirls, blackjack, one-armed bandits (slot machines), bright lights)**





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Song: Theme from New York, New York (1977)
Made popular by: Frank Sinatra and Liza Minnelli

Brief Context: "Theme from New York, New York," was written for the 1977 Martin Scorsese movie of the same name. Liza Minnelli sang the song in the movie and a year later, in 1978, Frank Sinatra began performing the song in concert. In 1985, the song was adopted as the unofficial anthem of New York City.

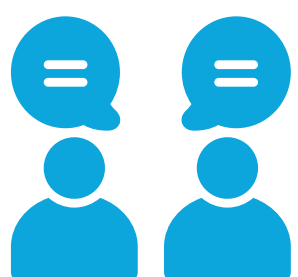
Activity: Singing and Engaged Discussion

What do you need?

- **Perfect Harmony "New York, New York" video**
- **Perfect Harmony lyrics sheet**
- **Perfect Harmony visual prompts**

Suggested Discussion Prompts

- **Have you ever been to New York City?**
- **What are some things New York City is famous for? (Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, Times Square, Broadway, Rockefeller Center, pizza, etc.)**
- **Many people move to New York City to accomplish a dream. Have you ever had a dream you've wanted to accomplish?**



New York, New York

**Start spreading the news
I'm leaving today
I want to be a part of it
New York, New York
These vagabond shoes
They are longing to stray
Right through the very heart of it
New York, New York
I want to wake up in a city
That never sleeps
And find I'm king of the hill
Top of the heap
These small town blues
They are melting away
I'll make a brand new start of it
In old New York
If I can make it there
I'll make it anywhere
It's up to you
New York, New York**



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Song: Georgia on My Mind (1930)
Written by: Hoagy Carmichael

Brief Context: Songwriter Hoagy Carmichael wrote "Georgia on My Mind" in 1930 about the state of Georgia. It has been recorded by many famous artists including Dean Martin, Glenn Miller, Willie Nelson, Louis Armstrong, and, most famously, Ray Charles. After the success of Charles' recording, the song was officially adopted as the state song of Georgia in 1961.

Activity: Listening and Engaged Discussion

What do you need?

- Perfect Harmony "Georgia On My Mind" video

Suggested Discussion Prompts

- The singer talks about missing home and returning to Georgia. Have you ever gone away from home for a while and then returned?
- Is there anything that reminds you of home? (sights, smells, sounds, etc.)

