

Before the show

Orisirisi African Folklore has provided its unique brand of folklore, for countless people from a vast array of demographics and cultural backgrounds at primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, festivals, churches, libraries, museums, conferences, corporate and teacher in-services, television and radio programs, theme parks, and special events, while exhibiting an unwavering commitment to the needs of the individual, the group, the community, and society at large

Synopsis of the Story / Description of what the audience will see / What to expect.

Note to Teachers: Share this information with your students

Drum Sermons is a performance that recreates the African tradition of music making and storytelling that actively engages everyone present in the activity. The storytelling may explain why some things that we experience in our lives are as they are, teach valuable lessons like right from wrong, how to be a true friend etc. They provide a great opportunity to challenge students to be good listeners.

The music is primarily inclusive of African drumming, singing, and dance that encourages and includes the entire audience students and teachers alike to join in the celebration. In fact, during the course of Drum Sermons some students and faculty members will join in the merriment by actually playing the drums and other African percussion instruments.

Information relating to performance genre and content

Note to teachers:

Below are links that will give you pre-performance information that will help prepare you to create or use lesson plans that, if used, will enhance your students Drum Sermons experience.

http://www.pbs.org/wnet/africa/tools/culture/get_started.html

(Florida Standards Connections: LAFS.K.RI.1.1, LAFS.K.W.3.7, LAFS.K.W.3.8, LAFS.1.RI.1.1, LAFS.1.W.3.7, LAFS.1.W.3.8, LAFS.2.RI.1.1, LAFS.2.W.3.7, LAFS.2.W.3.8, LAFS.3.RI.1.1, LAFS.3.W.3.7, LAFS.3.W.3.8, LAFS.4.RI.1.2, LAFS.4.W.3.7, LAFS.5.RI.1.2, LAFS.5.W.3.7, LAFS.6.RI.1.3, LAFS.6.W.3.7, LAFS.7.RI.1.3, LAFS.7.W.3.7, LAFS.8.RI.1.1, LAFS.8.W.3.7, LAFS.910.RI.1.1, LAFS.910.W.3.8, LAFS.1112.RI.1.1, LAFS.1112.W.3.7) *

<http://www.childfun.com/themes/world/africa/>

(Florida Standards Connections: MU.K.H.1.1, VA.K.H.1.1, MU.1.H.1.1, VA.1.H.1.1, MU.2.H.1.1, VA.2.H.2.1, MU.3.H.1.1, VA.3.H.2.1, MU.4.H.1.1, VA.4.H.1.3, MU.5.H.1.1, VA.5.H.1.3, MU.68.H.1.1, VA.68.H.1.3, MU.912.H.1.1)

<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-an-African-Drum>

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***For a complete listing of the Florida Standard Connections, please see pages 6-9 of this study guide.**