Congo Square Pulse Circle | Student Studio Brief

Louisiana Orff Schulwerk Music Lab • Lesson 001 • Grades 3–5 • steady beat • 3–5 sessions

Your challenge

Create a classroom pulse circle with an original spoken phrase and rotating body percussion.

Learn about

New Orleans Congo Square and documented rhythmic histories

Your skill

steady beat

Before starting

01. Write or sketch one thing you notice and one question.
02. Study a credited example or reference; identify its maker or community context.
03. Try the technique twice and label what changed.

Make and revise

01. Design three alternatives, then select and explain one.
02. Create an original artwork or musical composition with the chosen technique.
03. Ask a peer for one observation and one question. Revise a meaningful choice.

Turn in

Two early trials; a plan; a finished visual work or performance record; an annotated revision; a short reflection and source credit.

Reflection prompts

01. How did you use steady beat?
02. Which decision is most original?
03. What did you learn about the source context?
04. What will you try next time?

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