



Extension Activity: Contemporary Musicians Promote their Native Heritage

While the Native American musicians profiled in the lesson at times struggled with identity at times, other musicians have been more forward about their heritage. Choose one of the following music videos by Native artists. Describe the video, and then address the following questions:

1. How does artist promote their Native heritage visually?
2. How is the artist representing their Native roots in their music and lyrics?
3. Does this video address a possible issue facing Native American communities today?
4. What might be the overall message of the music video?

Videos:

Blues: Cary Morin, "Dawns Early Light" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=142&v=SIXJRf91hTU)

Country: Jade Turner, "Worth" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=286&v=wSEHi7uhAeA)

EDM: DJ Shub ft. Northern Cree Singers, "Indomitable" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=257&v=qTJvpfkRRdA)

Pop: Wolf Saga, "Walls" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=213&v=c8Q6vi0o3B0)

Hip Hop: Joey Stylez ft. Treaty 6 Youth, "Keep On" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhB4U93I3g4>)

Metal: Testament, "Native Blood" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5lbn8mjSek>)