

WESTERN MUSIC

Student's Worksheets: GRADE 9 Lesson 9

Construction of a percussion instrument



Introduction

Musical instruments used in traditional music are usually built up from items found in the environment for example: animal skin, bones, shells, pieces of wood, plants etc... Most of these instruments are handcrafted reflecting the heritage and traditions of the communities they are from.

Activity 1**Manufacture of traditional Mauritian instruments**

Watch the following videos to explore how **traditional Mauritian percussion instruments**—the **ravanne**, **maravanne**, and **triangle**—are made.



Manufacture of the Ravanne by José Legris

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fq6qCD9Sceg>



La ravanne racontée par Menwar

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87I7XpoHzSw>



José Legris - Reportage Instrument Typique Ile Maurice

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIE_NSxI4P4&t=113s

Activity 2**Class Discussion**

Which materials were used to make each instrument?

Ravanne	
Maravanne	
Triangle	

Which everyday materials could be used to make these traditional musical instruments?

Ravanne	
Maravanne	
Triangle	

Activity 3**Create a DIY traditional musical instrument**

Use recyclable or household materials to create one of the following:

- Ravanne
- Maravanne
- Triangle

Your instrument must:

- Be made from everyday items
- Be able to produce a sound when hit or shaken
- Be presented to the class with a short explanation of how it was made and what materials were used