

# Welcome to Our Musical Trip!



Hello Explorers!  
My name is Melody, and I will be your guide on this musical journey. My favorite thing in the whole world is learning about new music. My second favorite thing is sharing that music with others! Music is such an important part of our community. That's why I drive my bus all around the Lowcountry sharing the musical world around us. I've made so many friends who sing and play all kinds of music, and I can't wait for you to meet them! Come along with me and make **YOUR** discoveries!  
I'm so excited to see you at the concert!  
Melody

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# Musical Explorers World Map

At the Savannah Music Festival, we can hear music from all around the world. Where do these types of music come from?

**Music of India** India

**Cumbia** Colombia

**Calypso** Trinidad

CANADA

UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA

North  
Atlantic  
Ocean

**CALYPSO**

Trinidad



**Etienne**

Colombia

**CUMBIA**



**Gregorio**

SOUTH AMERICA





EUROPE

ASIA

AFRICA

AFRICA

India

**MUSIC OF  
INDIA**

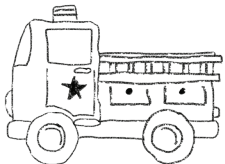


**Falu**

Indian  
Ocean

# Explore the Sounds of Our City

Music is everywhere! Let's go on a sound exploration. All you need are your ears. You can use this explorer's journal to record what you hear, including car horns and sirens, dogs barking, sounds in your home, and even silence.

What did you hear?	When and where?
 <span>Sirens</span>	on my street walking to the mailbox



# Discover Music in Everyday Objects

Music is waiting to be found in everyday objects!



Experiment and see what kinds of sounds you can make with these objects.



What other objects can you find that make interesting musical sounds?

A large empty rectangular box with a blue border, intended for students to write down their answers to the question: "What other objects can you find that make interesting musical sounds?"

## Create a Postcard

Use the space below to draw or paste pictures of some of your favorite things about your neighborhood. Then write a message to one of our Musical Explorers artists describing your neighborhood.

**Greetings from ...**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Your friend,  
\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_  
(Artist's name)

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# Musical Explorers Song

Every song tells a story, every tune tells a tale.  
Every rhythm has a reason, don't you want to know?  
Don't you want to know what makes the music go?  
Come along and see, make your discovery.

**I can sing it!**



**I can say it!**



**I can dance it!**



**I can play it!**

x2



I can go explore the world of music at my door.  
My city and my neighborhood, singing songs and feeling good.  
I can know what makes the music grow,  
I can know what makes the music go!



## Let's Explore Music of India!

Falu is a singer who grew up in Mumbai, India. Now she lives in New York City. She started learning how to sing Indian music when she was only three years old!





# Meet Falu!



GREETINGS FROM  
**MUMBAI**  
INDIA



Namaste!

My name is Falu, and I grew up in India where music was incorporated into every moment of our day. I started singing Indian music when I was three years old and then went to college to study Indian classical music in Mumbai. I speak and sing in seven different languages: Sanskrit, Hindi, Gujarati, Urdu, Marathi, Bengali, and English. I also play a few instruments, including the harmonium, tanpura, and percussion. It will be so much fun to share the songs, rhythms, and languages of my country with you! Sending you all a big hug.

Pyaar se (with love), Falu



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## We asked Falu ...

### What is your earliest musical memory?

When I was very little I sang a children's song in a Bollywood movie. I was so small that I could not reach the microphone, and they had to give me a step stool to stand on.

### What musical instruments do you play?

I play the harmonium, the tanpura (an Indian stringed instrument), and percussion. But my main instrument is my voice. It's a very delicate, soft, and tender instrument. I can use it anytime because it is a part of my body. I sing in everything I do except when I am sleeping. I walk singing, talk singing, play singing, and work out singing.

### What are your favorite holidays?

Diwali and Holi are my two favorite holidays. Diwali is our New Year, and Holi is a spring holiday where we play with watercolors and balloons and eat lots of desserts.



Mumbai, India

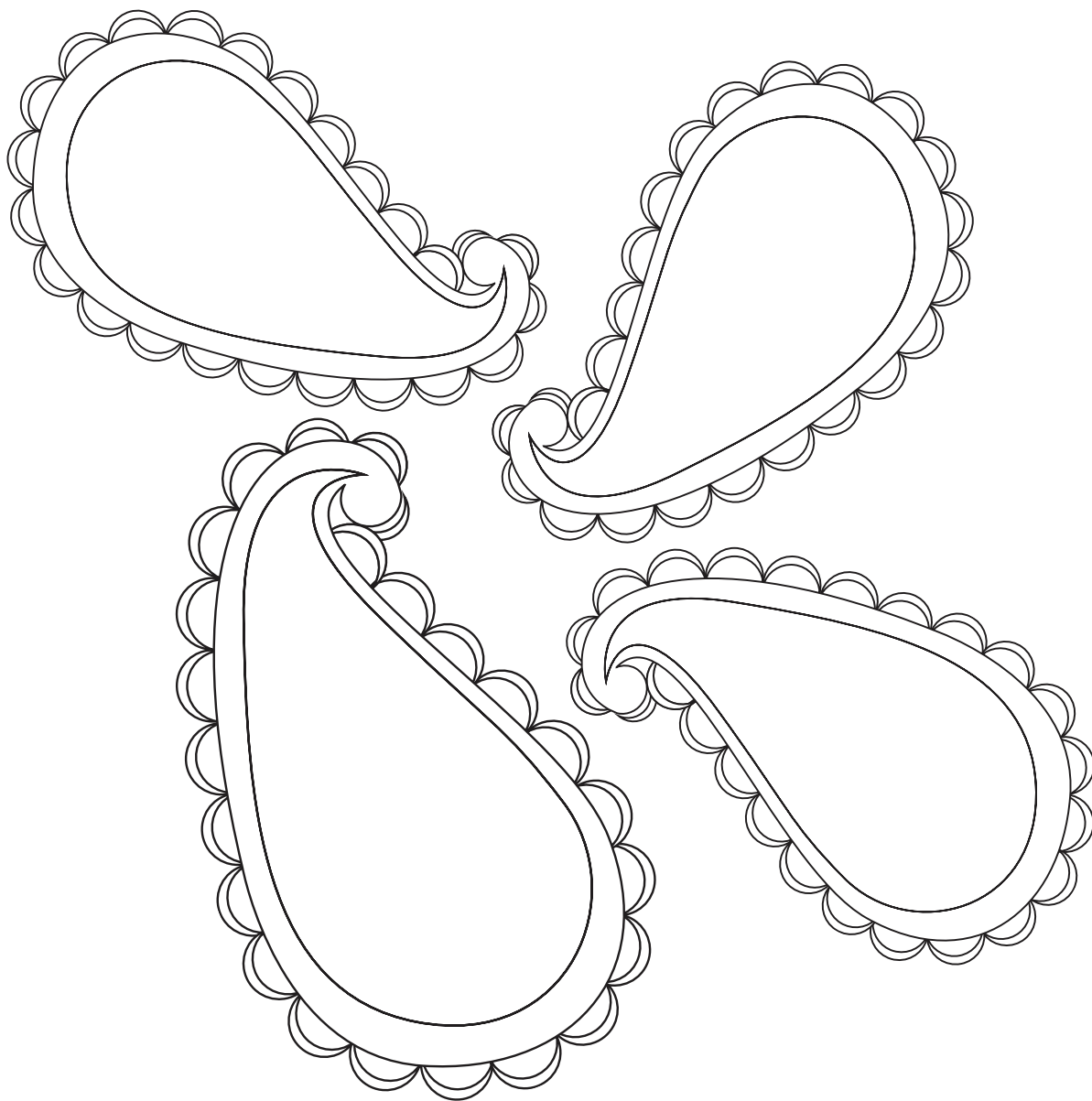


Holi



# My Paisley Design

Make your own Indian paisley fabric, ornamenting each paisley shape and the space in between.



# Instruments from India

The tabla is a set of two hand drums of slightly different sizes and shapes. The daya, or right-hand drum, is tuned to the pitch sa (or do). The baya, left-hand drum, is tuned lower. The pitch changes depending how hard you press on the drum heads with your hands.

The harmonium is a kind of reed organ. It has a keyboard like a piano and a set of bellows that pump air through the reeds, creating the sound. The player uses one hand to play the keyboard and one to pump the bellows. Some harmoniums have special knobs that play the drone.



**TABLA**



**HARMONIUM**



# Let's Explore Cumbia!

Gregorio is a musician who lives in New York City, but grew up in the country of Colombia. He plays a style of music called cumbia, which comes from Colombia but is now popular all across Latin America.





# Meet Gregorio!



¡Hola amigos!

My name is Gregorio, and I'm from Colombia. Because it's in South America, people sometimes think that it must be very hot there. But not all parts of my country are hot. For example Bogotá, where I'm from, is very high up in the mountains, so it gets pretty chilly. That's probably why I like soup so much! I can't wait to share cumbia—one of our most special kinds of music—with you.

As we say in Colombia when we're getting really excited, ¡Wepa!

Gregorio



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# We asked Gregorio...

## What is one of your first musical memories?

When I was very little, a melody came into my head, and I didn't want to forget it. So I grabbed a piece of paper and "wrote" the melody down, using syllables like "la" and "da." To my disappointment when I looked at the paper later on, it didn't help me remember my melody at all, since there were no actual notes or rhythms on it. Oh well! I was probably five or six, so I have to give myself a break.

## What is your favorite Colombian food?

It depends on where I am in Colombia. If I'm in Bogotá, I like to have some ajiaco, a chicken soup made with three different types of potatoes, or chocolate con queso, which is hot chocolate with cheese melted in it. But if I'm on the Caribbean coast like in Cartagena, I like to eat fried fish with patacones, or fried plantain slices, and drink fresh corozo juice—made from the fruit of the same tree as one of our percussion instruments!

## Growing up in Colombia, did you have favorite games that you played?

There were two main games we played at school. One was called "piquis" or "canicas" (marbles), where the school playground would become a bazaar of kids competing and winning marbles from each other. The other was trompo, which is a spinning top. We would see who could make the trompo spin the longest. My friend became a trompo national champion!



Ajiaco



Cartagena



Patacones



Trompo



# Colombian Instruments

A traditional cumbia includes four percussion instruments, one wind instrument, and an accordion.

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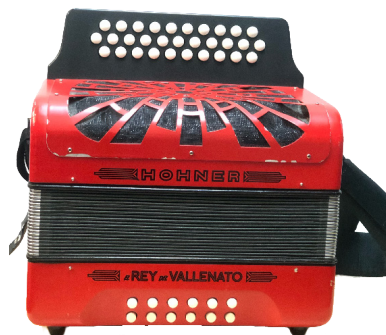
TAMBORA



MARACA



ACCORDION



GAITAS



## Imagine “El Pescador”

In the song “El Pescador,” the fisherman talks to the moon and to the beach. He is all alone, except for his fishing net. Close your eyes and imagine the fisherman and his life, and then draw what you imagine.





# Compose Your Own Dance Rhythm

Your dance rhythm will have three rhythmic layers, each with a different sound. Choose a sound for each rhythmic layer. You can use classroom instruments, found objects, or your body.

**Rhythmic Layer 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rhythmic Layer 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rhythmic Layer 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

Each rhythm will be eight beats long, from 1 to 8. Where do you want to put your sounds? If you want silence, you can leave a space blank.

## Rhythmic Layer 1

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

## Rhythmic Layer 2

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

## Rhythmic Layer 3

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

## Let's Explore Calypso!

Etienne is a musician from the island of Trinidad. He is a composer and plays all kinds of instruments, but he grew up with calypso music. Calypso is played at Carnival, a giant festival that has parties, parades, music, and dancing.





# Meet Etienne!



Greetings from  
**PORT OF SPAIN  
TRINIDAD**



Bonjour, Musical Explorers!  
My name is Etienne, and I am a singer and trumpet player from the island of Trinidad. Trinidad is famous for its carnival, and carnival is famous for its calypso music—my favorite! I have been to Savannah many times. I even spent time here learning about Gullah Geechee music with my friends The McIntosh County Shouters. Even though we won't meet in person, I can't wait to sing and jump up with you at the digital concert!

Ovwa,  
Etienne



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## We asked Etienne ...

### What are your first musical memories?

At school, we sang in the choir from age four. Even before that, I heard calypso and many other styles of music on my parents' record player at home.

### What is your favorite food from Trinidad?

My favorite Trini food is pelau. It's a one-pot dish with rice, beans, and chicken. So tasty!

### Do you have a favorite Carnival character?

One of my favorites is Jab Molassie, one of the first characters I ever played. Jab Molassie is a devil—you smear your body with tar or grease, usually dyed in bright blue, red, or green.

Jab Molassie



Steel Band



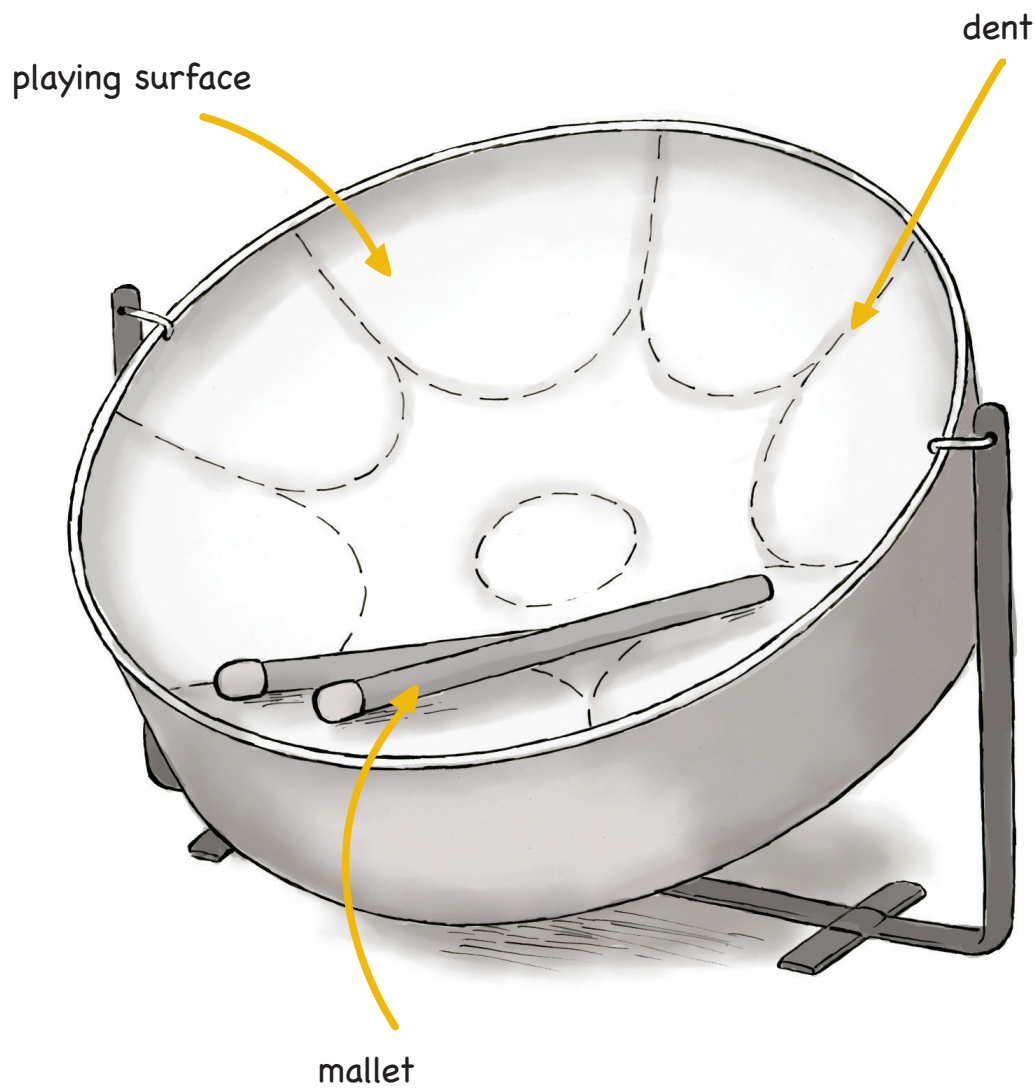
Pelau





# Explore the Steel Pan

The steel pan is the national instrument of Trinidad and Tobago. Steel pans were originally made from oil drums—big metal containers used to hold oil. The top of the oil drum is heated and stretched into a bowl shape, and then dents are carefully molded into the surface. Each dent plays a different pitch; the bigger the dent, the lower the pitch.



# Calypso Rhymes

Here are some words about calypso. Draw a line between words that rhyme.

sing

made

long

pants

sun

pan

dance

song

can

fun

parade

thing

Now use the rhyming pairs from above to complete these calypso lyrics.

The day is here, here comes the \_\_\_\_\_.

I'm sure that we'll have lots of \_\_\_\_\_.

I wear the costume that I \_\_\_\_\_

And run to join in the \_\_\_\_\_.

My friend is playing a steel \_\_\_\_\_

While I play on an old tin \_\_\_\_\_.

A man is wearing bright red \_\_\_\_\_.

He jumps and chips, it's quite a \_\_\_\_\_!

Then everybody starts to \_\_\_\_\_.

I think that is my favorite \_\_\_\_\_!

We celebrated all day \_\_\_\_\_.

And so ends my calypso \_\_\_\_\_.



# What Kinds of Music Have We Learned About?

These artists sing all different kinds of music and you can enjoy their music right from where you are!



Falu performs

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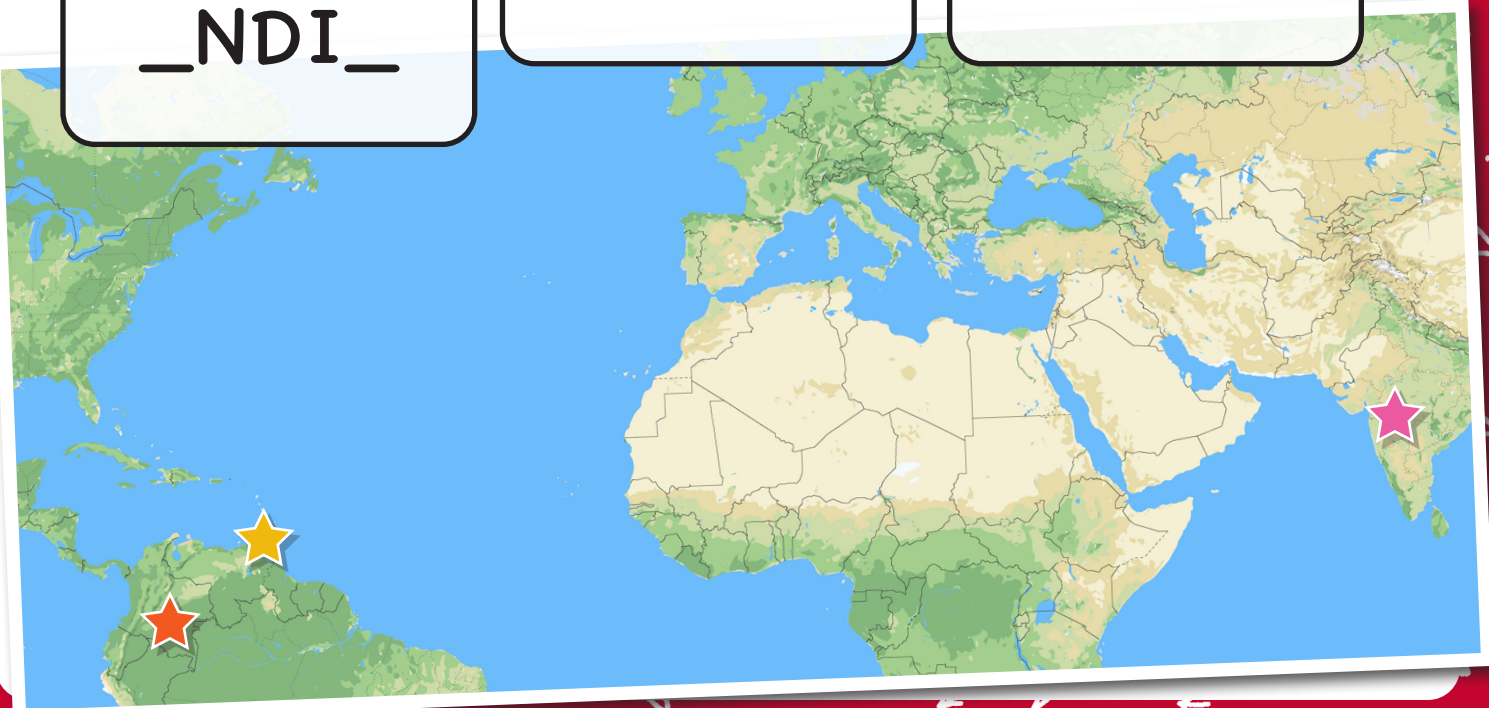
Gregorio performs

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Etienne performs

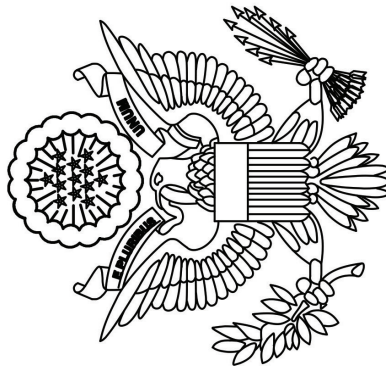
C\_L\_\_SO



# Create your Own Passport!

Cut out the passport below, then fold it in half.

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**PASSPORT**



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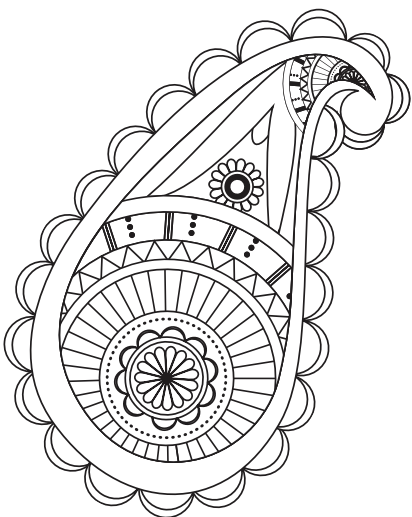
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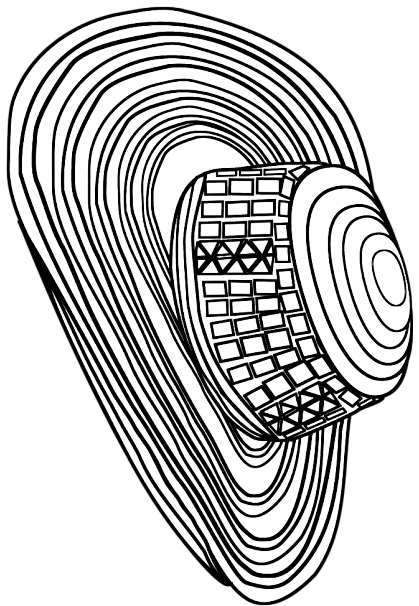
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In India, I learned about \_\_\_\_\_.



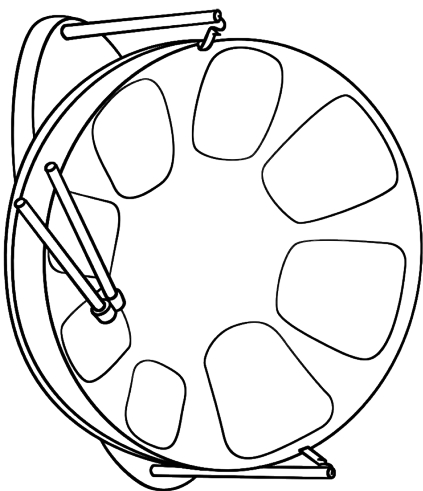
## COLOMBIA

In Colombia I learned about \_\_\_\_\_.



## TRINIDAD

In Trinidad, I learned about \_\_\_\_\_.



## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



# Draw a Picture of Your Favorite Moment From the Concert!

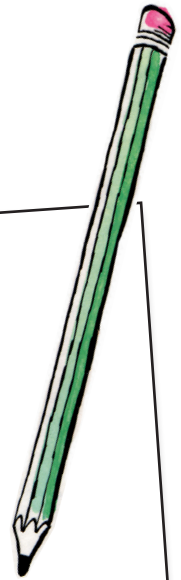




# Who Is Your Favorite Artist?

Write a letter to your favorite artist. Be sure to include your favorite part of the concert and your favorite song from the concert.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ ,



Your friend,