

# KARAOKE MOMENT

*Allow your students to practice the content in a creative and entertaining way.*

### Brief Description

Students create a song or rap for an idea, fact, or process. The most popular use of this activity involves students rewriting the words of an existing song or rap. (See examples on next page.) This activity can be accomplished individually or in small groups. The lyrics should emphasize key words and phrases to ensure proper rehearsal. Here's a way to use Karaoke Moment.

### The Process

1. *List key points.* Instruct students to list on their paper the key words and phrases from a recent unit or lesson as you create your list on the board or overhead. Students should check their lists with yours.
2. *Create a song.* Tell students that they are to rewrite the words of a song they know using the words from their list. Note: You may want to share an example as a model. If your students are new to the Karaoke Moment, consider providing the lyrics of a simple song for them and allow them to work in small groups. Simple songs include: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," "Three Blind Mice," "Row, Row, Row Your Boat," "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," "Mary Had a Little Lamb," "The Ants Go Marching," "Whistle While You Work," or other songs your students know by heart.
3. *Share.* After a designated amount of time, invite each group to share their new version of the song. Note: Time varies according to the amount of content expected in the lyrics. For songs like the ones listed above, allow 20 to 30 minutes.

### Variation

One variation of this activity invites students to create their own original music and lyrics from the content they just learned.

## *SmartTip*



**The Karaoke Moment enhances students' linguistic and musical intelligences.**



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### **Karaoke Moment Examples:**

Content = branches of government.

Tune = “Row, Row, Row Your Boat.”

*Three, three branches of government  
Working together as one  
Judicial, executive, and legislative  
The check and balance is done.*

Example: Content = paragraphs.

Tune = Wild Thing

*Paragraphs  
You make my words sing  
You make everything  
Clearer*

*Paragraphs  
You make one idea sing  
You make everything  
Clearer*

*Paragraphs  
You have a topic  
You make everything  
Clearer*



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