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# Ceremonial Hand Drums

# Fine Arts Lesson

— Vocabulary Cards —

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# Timbre

**Timbre** is the character or quality of a musical sound or voice as distinct from its pitch and intensity.

# Percussions

**Percussions** are musical instruments played by striking with the hand or with a handheld or pedal-operated stick or beater, or by shaking, including drums, cymbals, xylophones, gongs, bells, and rattles.

# String Instruments

**String instruments** are musical instruments that produce sound from vibrating strings when the performer plays or sounds the strings in some manner.

# Woodwind Instruments

**Woodwind Instruments** are a family of musical instruments that produce sound by splitting an exhaled air stream on a sharp edge, such as a reed or a fipple.

# Tradition

**Tradition** is the exchange of customs or beliefs from generation to generation.