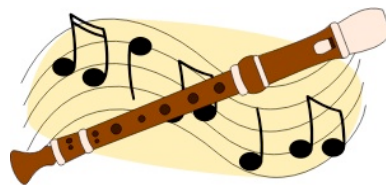


Common Writing Assignment: Science

What causes all instruments to make sound?



A group of students is investigating different instruments and how they make sound. Their teacher shows them a variety of instruments to explore, such as a drum, a whistle, a guitar, and a bell. After playing the instruments, the class discusses their ideas. Their teacher asks them, “The instruments are different in many ways such as their shapes, sizes and materials. What causes all the instruments to make sound?”

Using what you have learned from your work in class, make a claim about what causes all instruments to make sound. Use evidence from at least three different examples that make sound to support your claim. Explain your reasoning for why that evidence supports your claim.

Don’t Forget to...

Plan your writing using an outline, web or graphic organizer. As you write each draft of your assignment, it’s important to use what you know as a writer to communicate your ideas effectively.

- ✓ Provide a clear claim that answers the question.
- ✓ Include evidence -- using data from class activities, experiments and other resources.
- ✓ Include reasoning to show how your evidence supports your claim.
- ✓ Use vocabulary that you have learned in science class.
- ✓ Use correct grammar and punctuation, and be sure there are no spelling errors.