



Activity:	Making a drum
Episode:	Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters
Learner Objective:	Students will be able to construct a drum using a variety of materials and be able to recall the process of making it.
Materials Needed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Objects for the bases of the drums such as coffee (or similarly shaped) cans, heavy cardboard tubes, or oatmeal containers• Materials for the tops of the drums such as heavy fabrics or heavy plastic• Heavy tape such as duct tape to attach the top materials to the bases• Scissors
Steps:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ask parents well ahead of time to begin collecting a variety of objects to be used for making the drums. You will need to cut the materials to be used for the tops of the drums to the desired sizes before beginning this lesson. It would also be helpful to secure adult volunteers to come to the classroom to help the students construct their drums during the lesson.2. Watch the segment of the video on drum making.3. Discuss the process the drum maker went through to make his drum. Explain to the students that they will be making drums out of the materials collected.4. Allow each student to choose a container for the base and a material for the top of their drum.5. Assist students with assembling their drums, making sure the top of the drum is stretched very tight before it is taped to the base.6. Permit students to play their drums when finished, discussing why different drums produce different sounds.
Assessment:	This activity has a built-in assessment with students being able to construct their own drums. Ask students to describe the process they went through to make their drums.