



ELA ANCHOR STANDARD LESSON PLAN

Northrop and University of Minnesota
School of Music Present

62nd Annual Marching Band Indoor Concert November 10, 2023

Intended Audience: Grades 3–12

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LEARNING TARGET

Students will research and present key historical and background information about the U of M Marching Band.

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COMMON CORE ELA ANCHOR STANDARDS ADDRESSED

1. READING 4

Read critically to comprehend, interpret, and analyze themes and central ideas in complex literary and informational texts.

2. LISTENING, SPEAKING, VIEWING, AND EXCHANGING IDEAS 2:

Communicate with others, applying knowledge of vocabulary, language, structure, and features of spoken language, considering audience and context.

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U OF M MARCHING BAND BACKGROUND INFO

As one of the most exciting and visible organizations on campus, the U of M Marching Band enthusiastically supports the University's athletic programs and represents the University of Minnesota with pride at home and away.

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U OF M MARCHING BAND BACKGROUND INFO

The band performs in a variety of settings:

- Minnesota State Fair
- Huntington Bank Stadium for every home football game
- Annual indoor concerts at Northrop

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U OF M MARCHING BAND BACKGROUND INFO

The band performs in other settings, too:

- Smaller student groups, the brass quintet, and “flash mob” bands perform on campus and in the community.
- If you attend Gopher basketball, hockey, or volleyball home games, you will likely see one of the Athletic Bands playing favorite tunes in the stands.

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U OF M MARCHING BAND BACKGROUND INFO

Membership in the marching band is open to all interested U of M students. The band is often comprised of over 100 different majors and every college at the University.

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VIDEO

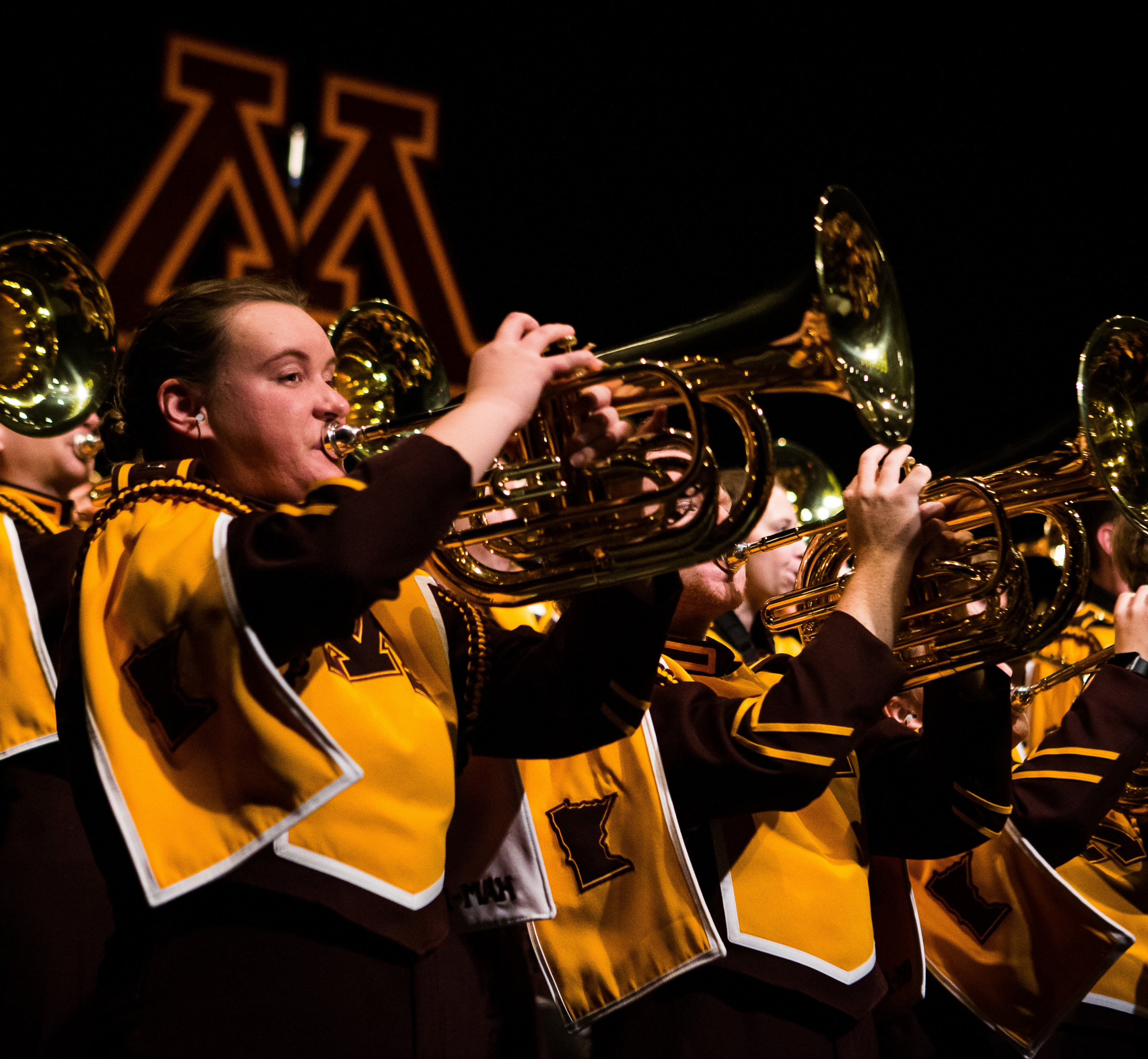
Watch this introductory video about the U of M Marching Band. Click on the image to access the video.

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U OF M MARCHING BAND BACKGROUND INFO

Marching Band must be taken for credit while in college.

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U OF M MARCHING BAND BACKGROUND INFO

High school students who wish to join the U of M Marching Band through post-secondary option (PSEO) programs should contact their high school counselor for further information.

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DO SOME RESEARCH ON THE MARCHING BAND

1. Create six groups of students.
2. Groups will research their assigned questions.
3. Students should be prepared to share what they learned with the whole group.

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What is the history of the band?
2. Who can join the band? What is the commitment like?
3. What is a drum major? Why do you think the band has one?
4. What are the school songs the band plays? What is Ski-U-Mah?
5. How have the band uniforms changed over time?
6. What are the varying sections of the band?

[Use this website](#) and its links to do your research.

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Group Members	Research Question	Your Response
	1. What is the history of the band?	
	2. Who can join the band? What is the member's commitment like?	
	3. What is a drum major? Why do you think the band has one?	
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RECORD YOUR ANSWERS

Access the Google Doc to record your answers.

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**SHARE WHAT YOU LEARNED
IN YOUR RESEARCH**

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SEE YOU SOON!

All students are welcome at the University of Minnesota!

The U of M looks forward to seeing YOU at the University of Minnesota soon—and maybe one day as a college student!

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