

iPad: GarageBand – Uses in the Classroom

Assess and Document Oral Reading Skills

Students can read and record using GarageBand. The recording can then be saved and shared with the teacher and/or parents as documentation of skills and growth throughout the year.



Language

Students can work with a partner to create a written conversation and then record it with GarageBand. Making sure to use the correct pronunciation during recording, students can mix up the conversation and duplicate it with the partners changing the roles. Rotate the written conversations around the class and have students critique the recordings.

- Variation: Create a conversation, cut it up and have each student record part of the conversation. Make the students listen and put the conversation in the correct order either before recording or after listening to the recorded pieces.

Music

After studying the music of a given culture, students can be given the task of creating their own musical piece with the instruments within the GarageBand App. Once their piece of music has been created, they can write a summary of why they chose each instrument and what significance it has in the culture they have been studying.

Storytelling

Students can tell an original story or retell a classic one. Using sound effects and the voice changing ability within the GarageBand app, they are able to create excitement for their story, as well as make it easy to listen to.

Interviews

Students can use the GarageBand App to conduct mock interviews with historical figures to document their lives using the voice changing effect. Ask questions with one track, and answer on another, and voila! Interview conducted!