

# How Steelpan Came to Canada

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**Word count: 158**

(pp. 2–8, not including the labels or captions)

## Overview

Readers are introduced to the history of the steelpan, a musical instrument invented in Trinidad, and its use in Canada. (Children can hear music played on steelpan on pages 5 and 16 in the audio version.)

<b>Genre/Text Types</b> Non-fiction/Description, Explanation	<b>Text Features</b> Caption, fact boxes, labels, map, photos, pronunciation guides
<b>Connections</b>  <b>Music</b> Functions of Music; Music from Various Cultures	<b>Vocabulary</b> Words that might require clarification include <i>beat</i> (in music), <i>celebration</i> , <i>dents</i> (noun), <i>invented</i> , <i>island</i> , <i>pavilion</i> , and <i>take part</i> .
	<b>Map Skills</b> Consider inviting children to look at the map on page 3. Ask: <i>What parts of the map show <b>water</b>? How do you know? How do the <b>arrows</b> on the map help readers? You might show children Canada and the Caribbean on a world map or globe and ask: How could people from Canada travel to Trinidad and Tobago?</i>

## eBook Activities

**Predicting** (front cover); **Activating Prior Knowledge** (page 6); **Analyzing and Evaluating** (page 13)

## Extensions

**Making Connections:** Before reading, you might ask: *What musical instruments do you know? Consider making a class list and investigating various ways to sort the instruments. Ask: Is anyone learning to play a musical instrument? Which one? Is there a musical instrument you would like to learn how to play?*

**Using Text Features:** You could invite children to look at the various steelpan on pages 14 and 15. Ask: *How are all the steelpan the same? How are some steelpan different from the others?*

**Summarizing:** After reading, you could guide children in developing a class list of new vocabulary they encountered in the book, and a list of some facts they learned. Then, invite children to write a sentence to share something they learned about steelpan or steelpan music.

**Inquiry:** **AT HOME** What does steelpan music sound like? With an adult at home, listen to some steelpan music on the internet or on pages 5 and 16 in the audio version of the book. How does the music make you feel? Do you like the music? Why or why not?

