

Scene 1: A group of students are seen walking out of class.

Mimi: I can't believe that we have to do a group project! I hate that kind of stuff! Plus how in the world are we going to find time to get together to finish all of this. I mean I have all kinds of stuff to do at school and after school like soccer practice, practicing piano, going to the library, brushing my teeth. This is never going to work.

Nolan: Would you take a breath! It's not THAT bad.

Ziggy: Wait what was the assignment again?

Noelle: Well according to the assignment sheet, it says we need to find a creative way to interpret the theme of cooperation using all participants within our group.

Ziggy: Stop using all that ELA mumbo jumbo, in understandable language.....

Lane: According to Webster's dictionary, *theme* is "a subject or topic of discourse or of artistic representation." and *cooperation* is "the actions of someone who is being helpful by doing what is wanted or asked for :common effort."

Theo: Again, what?!?!?

Noelle: A theme is like the moral of the story and cooperation is working together.

Theo and Ziggy: Ohhhhhhh.

Mimi: I still don't see how we are going to come up with an idea and have time to complete it all
And make sure it fits into our schedules....

Noelle: (Interrupting) We just need to brainstorm some ideas.

Nolan: What about a team?

Theo: You're on the right track.

Mimi: But how is a team going to help?

(One of the students begins tapping a pencil to help them think. One of the others adds in. Then another until all of the students are participating)

Billy, Chuck, Ella, and Paul: I think we have an idea.

All Students: Let's Make a Band!!!!

Song: Making the Band

Scene 2: The students move to one of the student's homes.

Kate: Awesome! A band is a perfect way to show cooperation. A band can't work if not
Everyone cooperates together.

Greta: How would we even start a garage band?

Billy: Well, you ought to start with some percussion to get a beat going, you know. I think we had
Something good going.

Maddie: How bout We Got the Beat? The Go Go's were one of the first all girls group to take over the
Music scene and that couldn't have happened without cooperation.

Paul: Now you're talking. As long as you got the beat, you've got the start of a great new band!

Mimi: Maybe this project isn't going to be so hard after all.

Song 1: We Got the Beat

Ainsley: That was great! But you can't have a garage band with only percussion can you?

Chuck: Well, you can if you want to give the whole class a lot of headaches.

Ella: No! Someone ought to take up the guitar.

Lane: According to my research, a guitar is a stringed musical instrument with a fretted fingerboard,
typically incurved sides, and six or twelve strings, played by plucking or strumming with the fingers

Ella: There are a ton of great bands with amazing guitarists. With a guitar, you can add more rhythm,
but also
melody and harmony.

Madeline: I've always wanted to play the guitar. But isn't it kind of hard?

Chuck: Well, sure it takes a lot of practice to get good at it; but you'd be amazed at what
You can do with just a few chords! I've been playing since 2nd grade.

Gina: Do you mean you play the guitar?

Chuck: Sure. I've been playing since 2nd grade. Haven't you ever heard of Chuck Berry?

Students: You know Chuck Berry?!?!?!?

Chuck: No. I just wanted to see if you guys ever heard of him. Now come on, let's add
some guitar to this band and make this place really twist and shout.

Song 2: Twist and Shout

Ainsley: Wow, I think this is starting to come together. But how does that song fit into the theme of
Cooperation?

Mimi: Oh No!!! Now we are getting off topic and we are not going to finish the assignment and....

Paul: (interrupting) You ever hear of Paul McCartney?

Students: Like from the Beatles?

Greta: You know Paul McCartney?!?!?!?

Paul: No, but.....

Lane: (interrupting) According to my research, there are a lot of bands who have
Taken musical liberties through their interpretations of that melodious work, including the
Beatles.

Kate: Well the Beatles were a great band that worked together to change the way music was seen
And experienced across the world.

Maddie: Ok it seems like it's all coming together but if you guys are going to play guitar what about the
Rest of us?

Madeline: (upset) Yeah, I want to be a part of the garage band too!

Ella: Easy! Easy! There's room for everyone in a garage band. The main thing is that
You've got to stick together and really try to make some music.

Billy: Nobody is going to get left behind as long as you're willing to pull your weight.

Paul: If you want to be a heavy lifter in the band, maybe you ought to try playing the
Bass. A bass player is part of the very foundation of a good garage band.

Gina: Hey, a bass sounds like a great instrument for me.

Greta: And if we all stick together, I bet we can start making some unbelievable music.

Song 3: Stand By Me

Charlotte: I think I'm starting to understand how the theme ties in with this project.

Gabby: When we work together we really can change the world.

Addie: But wait, I don't think I want to play an instrument or sing. How can I be included if those are
The only parts of a band?

Billy: Those aren't the only members of a band. Have you ever been to a concert?

Ella: The lights, the smoke, the fans, the equipment. There are almost too many jobs.

Grace: Seems to me, no better way to show cooperation. Let's jump at the chance!

Song 4: Jump

Maddie: Woah that totally changes the whole atmosphere. The class is going to be blown away.

Payton: Cooperation to the max!

Elena: You're right, but we still need to make sure everyone is involved. So now we have drums, guitar and bass, But what's left?

Ella: Let us see your fingers.

David: What for?

Chuck: Just let us see 'em.

(Student holds up hands.)

Ella and Chuck: Shazzam!

Paul: Look at the length of those puppies. Guys, I think we found ourselves a keyboard player!

Norrah: Keyboards? You mean like a piano?

Billy: Piano, synthesizer, accordion, there are all kinds of keyboards. I just happen to have one right Here.

David: Why would you have a keyboard in a garage?

Billy: You ever heard of Billy Joel?

All Students: This belonged to Billy Joel!?!?!?

Billy: No.....I just wanted to see if we'd heard of him.

Paul: Listen, with a keyboard, you can add all sorts of things---rhythm, melody, harmony--the works! Come on! Give it a try.

Song 5: Your Song

Gavin: Guys, I think this project is really coming together.

Sadie: Wow! Our garage band is really shaping up.

Dominic: Yeah! This is awesome!

Jack: I'm really starting to see why Mrs. Mueller assigned this project.

Hannah: Even though we might not have the typical gifts to give, things like friendship and cooperation
Are bigger than that.

Billy: You guys are right, but there only seems to be one thing missing.

Max: What's that?

Chuck: You need singers to front the band.

Ella: (clearing her throat) Ahem.

Max: Hmm, where are we going to get singers?

Billy, Ella, Chuck, and Paul: (singing arpeggios like a warm up) mi, mi, mi, mi, mi, mi, mi. Ya aha aha
ah ah.

Timothy: Billy, Chuck, Ella, and Paul did you guys want to be the singers?

Chuck: Of course!

Ella: I even have my own microphone.

Paul: In my heart, I am an arteest!

Blaise: Wait are you gonna say that belonged to Ella Fitzgerald?

Students: Nahhh.

Timothy: She just wanted to see if we knew who she was.....

Diego: Well, what are we waiting for? Let's make some music!

Gregory: Places everybody. Crew are you ready? Band? Let's rock out!

Jonathan: Cooperation!

Song 6: Livin' on a Prayer

Paul: I do say Chuck; you sounded just like Jon on that song.

Ryder: You mean Jon as in Bon Jovi?!?

Billy, Chuck, Ella, and Paul: Who?

Ariel: Never mind.

Anthony: I think this project is going to be the best one yet! I really think we met the requirements and
Showcased cooperation.

Logan: Yeah, it's been a blast!

Scene 3: Students are back in the classroom

Chuck: Hey, start that beat one more time! (The students all start playing the rhythm Parts they played in scene one.)

Nolan: Okay! All right, the band is complete. We got the singer, the crew, and we got the beat!

Theo: Harmony and melody too, We're ready to play a tune for you.

Ziggy: Showing just what cooperation can do.

Noelle: The keyboard, the drums, guitar and bass. Add the singers and we're all in place!

Nolan: So give it up, y'all! Give us a hand!

Noelle: Cause just for you, we're making the band!

All: Just for you, we're making the band!

Song 7: Making the Band Reprise