



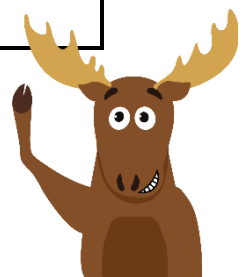
Lesson 12.6: Cultural Impact

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skiing	✓ Scandinavia
maple syrup	✓ Abenaki
baseball	✓ England
barbecues	✓ Spain via Mexico
picnics	✓ France
yoga	✓ South Asia
hot dogs	✓ Germany and Poland
fireworks	✓ China



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Ferdinand Picard's Violin
Source: New Hampshire Historical Society



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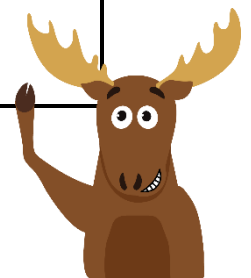
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How did he learn?

What? What makes Franco-American fiddle music different
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Where? Patrick Ross grew up near Colebrook, New
Hampshire. What makes this location a spot where the
tradition of Franco-American fiddle music would be especially
strong?



Why? Patrick Ross and Jean Theroux played and sang a
"chanson à répondre," or call-and-response song. Why do
you think this type of song particularly good for sharing with
groups of people?





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Part 2: Think about what culture means to you. Answer the reflections questions below.

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His father taught him to play. Patrick Ross learned to play by watching and listening to his father. He would listen to a few notes and then practice them over and over until he played the notes and rhythm correctly.

What? What makes Franco-American fiddle music different from other styles of playing the violin?

Patrick Ross describes the bowing style has having a "bounce" to it. He also uses a word called "ornamentation" to describe the extra notes added to melodies and plays "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" two ways to demonstrate this. Students may also notice that when the two fiddle players are playing together, their feet tap, their upper bodies move, and they sing while they play.

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Colebrook is located in northern New Hampshire, very close to the Canadian border. The people who brought the tradition of fiddle music to New Hampshire, the French-Canadians, came from Canada.

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Anyone can sing along to a call-and-response song. They follow a pattern, so even if the song is new to a listener, the words and melody are often repeated. It's a way for a whole group of people to share a song together and a way for people to learn a new song quickly.



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