

# LESSON PLAN: D Chord in 1 Chord Songs

## Objective:

Students will learn to play the D Major chord on guitar and apply it to playing a one chord song.

### Resources:

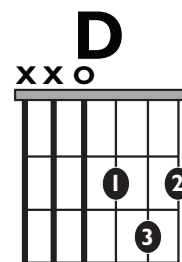
Any of the following recordings: "Land of 1,000 Dances", "Jump into the Fire" by Harry Nilsson, or "One Chord Song" by Stoney Larue, lyrics to any of these songs, and the D chord handout

### Procedures:

- 1 Demonstrate playing the D major chord
- 2 Direct students in playing the D chord on their guitars using the handout.
- 3 Practice playing the strum pattern that goes along with the song you choose together as a group.
- 4 Listen to the song you are going to play along with as a group. Discuss how the different parts of the song sound differently whether it's a verse, chorus, or instrumental bridge.
- 5 Perform one of the songs along with the recording using a strum pattern.

### Extension:

Perform a couple of the songs as a group without the recording, having some students sing verses and encouraging everyone to sing the chorus. Since the song stays the D chord the whole time, a bass line can be improvised by some students using the D string (string #4).

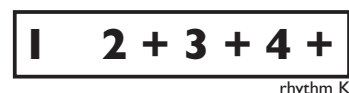


D Major Chord

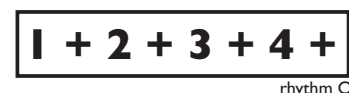
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in the style of:  
Jump Into the Fire



in the style of:  
One Chord Song



### National Core Arts Standards (Music):

Anchor Standard 6: Convey Meaning through the presentation of artistic work. Example: General Music MU:Pr6.1.(4-5) a. Perform music, alone or with others, with expression, technical accuracy, and appropriate interpretation. Anchor Standard 7: Perceive and analyze artistic work. Example: Harmonizing Instruments MU:Re7.2.H.1a (HS Proficient) Compare passages in musical selections and explain how the elements of music and context (social, cultural, or historical) inform the response.

